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## The 'Real Men' of 2ID

Screen shot via Youtube

Staff Sgt. Jesse Kennedy, front, talks with South Korean singer Sohn Jin-young during a recent joint exercise. Kennedy was one of nearly three dozen 2nd Infantry Division soldiers who took part in the filming of "Real Men," a popular South Korean reality show that features celebrities experiencing military life.

## US soldiers in South Korea get 15 minutes of foreign fame on reality TV show

By ASHLEY ROWLAND  
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — Storming buildings during a mock assault, swapping items in Meals, Ready to Eat and sleeping in unheated tents in the dead of winter may all be part of a U.S. soldier's normal life during an exercise.

But rocking out at a pop concert, or having television cameras record your every move? Not so much.

**'People will ask me about it and want to take pictures with me, everyone from little kids to grown men and women.'**

Staff Sgt. Jesse Kennedy  
one of three 2nd Infantry Division soldiers  
featured prominently in the episode of "Real Men"

A handful of 2nd Infantry Division soldiers recently became mini-celebrities in South Korea

after appearing on "Real Men," a popular reality television show about the Korean military.

Each episode features Korean celebrities — singers, actors, comedians and TV personalities — experiencing some aspect of military life while being embedded with the South Korean armed forces.

The show has catapulted some of the American soldiers to their 15 minutes of foreign fame, at least when they leave Camp Casey, where all are stationed.

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## Base stores to be run as businesses, not a benefit

Behind the plan to slash taxpayer support of commissaries is a concept Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel and his senior advisers have embraced that a base grocery store should operate as a business and not a benefit.

This shift is candidly revealed in budget documents released Tuesday

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Tom Philpott

and in a legislative packet for implementing the funding cuts drafted by the Defense Commissary Agency.

The documents make clear that individual stateside commissaries will survive only if they produce enough revenue to cover operating costs.

Hagel gave a softer summation to the Senate Armed Services Committee on Wednesday.

"We are not shutting down any commissaries," the defense chief said. "We recommend gradually phasing out some subsidies, but only for domestic commissaries that are not in remote locations."

Because stateside stores "will continue to operate tax- and rent-free, they will still be able to provide people with a very good deal," Hagel said.

Resale industry officials and military associations dispute that and predict closure of most stateside commissaries. Only stores overseas and at 25 remote stateside bases would be funded after fiscal 2017. DeCA's annual appropriation of \$1.4 billion would be cut by then to \$400 million.

That's enough to offer shoppers savings of 10 percent off "high priced private grocery stores," the budget documents estimate. Savings would be even "more modest" in comparison with prices at "discount grocery chains."

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"This can't be in any way, shape or form characterized as a party. This is destruction of property (and) assaultive behavior."

— Amherst, Mass., police Capt. Christopher Pronovost, describing the University of Massachusetts pre-St. Patrick's Day "Blarney Blowout" celebration at which 73 people were arrested Saturday

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## MIDEAST

# Afghan violence kills 11 over weekend

The Associated Press

KABUL — A roadside bomb ripped through a car in southern Afghanistan, the deadliest of a series of weekend attacks that killed 11 civilians, officials said Sunday.

Seven people, including three women and two children, were killed and eight others wounded

when the car was hit while traveling in the volatile Helmand province, according to a statement by the provincial governor's office. It said the car was one of two carrying civilians between the districts of Musa Qala and Nawzad. It hit the bomb in Musa Qala.

The statement said two other civilians were killed Saturday in a bombing in the Kajaki district,

but provided no other details. Insurgents also attacked a checkpoint elsewhere in the district, killing an Afghan policeman, it said.

The statement said, "Taliban militants regularly plant roadside bombs to target Afghan and NATO forces, but the devices often kill Afghan civilians."

Afghan security forces also

killed 13 Taliban insurgents in Helmand's Gereskh district, according to the statement.

Elsewhere in the south, a bomb exploded near a store Sunday, killing two civilians and wounding two others in the Spin Boldak district of Kandahar province, said Zia Durani, a spokesman for the provincial police chief.



## Celebrating women

U.S. forces in Afghanistan, part of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force, celebrate during a gathering to mark International Women's Day in Kabul on Saturday.

Rahmat Gul/AP

## Ex-Special Forces soldier sentenced for embezzlement

The Fayetteville (N.C.) Observer

A former Fort Bragg, N.C., soldier has been sentenced to more than four years in prison for his role in stealing more than \$200,000 in taxpayer money while deployed to Afghanistan.

Mauricio Espinoza, 34, of Modesto, Calif., was sentenced to four years and three months in federal prison, U.S. Attorney Thomas G. Walker said in a news release.

Espinoza, a former sergeant first class with the Army's 7th Special Forces Group, also was sentenced to three years of supervised release and ordered to pay \$114,034.80 in restitution.

Espinoza and his co-conspirator, former Staff Sgt. Philip Wooten, pleaded guilty last year to

embezzling money out of Afghanistan during a deployment in 2009 and 2010.

The two would withdraw money to use at their outpost, but would instead send it home to pay for expensive jewelry and other items, according to court documents.

Wooten was sentenced to one year, three months in prison and was ordered to pay \$110,250 in restitution.

Espinoza's case had twice been delayed, first when he failed to appear for trial and most recently when he failed to appear in court to be sentenced in January.

Espinoza pleaded guilty to conspiring to commit mail fraud and wire fraud, stealing and converting monies belonging to the U.S. government, smuggling currency into the United States and theft

and conversion of government property.

After not appearing for his earlier sentencing date, he was arrested and held in custody until his hearing Friday.

Espinoza had faced up to five years in prison, according to court documents.

In a release, the U.S. Attorney's Office said Espinoza was a paying agent in Afghanistan and Wooten was the field ordering officer.

Wooten was responsible for contracting with local vendors and Espinoza was responsible for paying those vendors.

Together, they funneled cash back to the United States in the form of money orders.

Espinoza also purchased a Harley-Davidson motorcycle with some of the stolen money, accord-

ing to the news release, and wired other funds to locations in the United States and Peru.

Maj. Gen. Edward M. Reeder, former head of U.S. Army Special Forces Command at Fort Bragg, said in a letter that Espinoza's actions hurt Special Forces serving overseas.

"The success of a Special Forces unit when dealing with the local Afghan populace is based on trust and respect," Reeder said. "The majority of the Afghan population views the United States as one more in a long line of interlopers. When a person they regularly do business with, in this case Espinoza, is exposed as a thief and a liar, the established trust and respect is destroyed and can only be regained, if ever, through extraordinary efforts."



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## MILITARY

# DODEA ends summer enrichment classes

By JENNIFER H. SVAN  
Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — The Department of Defense Education Activity is closing the book on a part-day math and language arts summer enrichment program that's been offered at some of its schools since 2004.

The decision was made to end the kindergarten-through-eighth-grade program, held at 58 locations worldwide, because of a decline in participation and a high absentee rate during the last three summers, DODEA officials said. The move will save the agency \$1.7 million annually.

"In the current climate of identifying and realizing efficiencies in light of reduced budgets, we strive to make decisions that do not impact the classroom during the regular school year," DODEA spokeswoman Elaine Kanellis said in an email to Stars and Stripes. In this case, Kanellis said, "We think our resources are better directed toward funding programs that would benefit more students across DODEA for the long-term."

Summer enrichment spanned four weeks, three hours a day. Students in kindergarten to eighth grade were eligible to attend the free morning classes, often offered in a multi-age format.

The program was intended to keep students engaged in learning, with an emphasis on math and language arts; it was not remedial in nature, officials said.

In 2013, 5,829 students enrolled in the program. In all three areas across DODEA, participation dropped by a combined 27 percent by the time summer rolled around, DODEA officials said. Those students who joined the program were absent an average of 5.5 days during the 19-day program, DODEA officials said.

The downward trend in participation and attendance goes back three years, Kanellis said.

Deb Pohlmann, DODEA's coordinator for early childhood education, said students registered for the program in March, and in some cases their plans changed by the time summer enrichment began.

"When we send out applications, we try to be very clear to parents ... we really want them to commit," since spaces are limited, Pohlmann said. Many times, she said, something better comes up or they decide to take a vacation.

"The commitment was maybe not as firm as we would have liked," she said.

Last summer, 255 classes were offered.

Summer enrichment began as a pilot program at four schools in Europe in 2004, as military deployments from the theater to Iraq began rising. In some military communities, such as Baumholder, there was a real need for a summer program at the time, as some families couldn't afford summer travel back to the States while a parent was deployed, Pohlmann said.

In 2005, the program was expanded to include schools in the Pacific and stateside. For

the first two years, the military funded the program. Since 2006, DODEA has paid for it, officials said. Teacher salaries comprised about 67 percent of the summer enrichment program budget, according to DODEA officials.

Kellie Klaver, who teaches seventh-grade science at Wiesbaden

Middle School, was the lead teacher for her school's summer enrichment program last summer.

"The vast majority of students found it to be a positive, engaging and rewarding part of their time away from traditional school," she wrote in an email.

The opportunity gave students

a chance to participate in enriching educational experiences while still being able to swim, travel, hang out with friends and other fun activities in the afternoon, she said. "It struck a good balance for the students."

At Ramstein Intermediate School, where 84 students partici-

pated in summer enrichment last year, including those from other nearby schools in Kaiserslautern, notification has already gone out to parents about the program's discontinuance, said principal Jennifer Remoy. So far, she's heard no complaints or concerns, she said.

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14	11	Ford	F150 XLT Super Crew	\$ 34,325	\$ 32,575	\$ 1,750
15	10	Ford	F150	\$ 24,200	\$ 22,550	\$ 1,650
16	10	Ford	Explorer Eddie Bauer	\$ 25,125	\$ 23,550	\$ 1,575
17	10	Toyota	4Runner SR5 4WD	\$ 32,300	\$ 30,750	\$ 1,550
18	10	Ford	Taurus SHO	\$ 25,475	\$ 24,150	\$ 1,325
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## MILITARY

# US mission in Africa growing in small ways

By DAVID S. CLOUD

Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Amid a surge of Islamic militancy in North Africa, a team of fewer than 50 U.S. special operations troops with a single helicopter arrived at a remote base in western Tunisia last month.

Their mission: Train Tunisian troops in counterterrorism tactics.

The operation was one of dozens of U.S. military deployments in Africa over the last year, often to tiny and temporary outposts. The goal is to leverage American military expertise against an arc of growing instability in North Africa and many sub-Saharan countries, from Mali in the west to Somalia in the east.

The small-scale operations by the Pentagon's 6-year-old Africa Command reflect an effort to avoid provoking anti-U.S. militants in the region — and wariness of getting drawn into new conflicts after 13 years of war in Iraq and Afghanistan. U.S. commanders for Africa face tight limits on the forces and equipment they can put on the ground or in the air despite responsibility for a vast geographic area.

Classified guidance approved by the White House last fall called for the Pentagon to “deter” terrorist attacks from Africa on U.S. territory, facilities or ships without creating a large military presence, according to officials who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss classified material.

Based in Stuttgart, Germany, AFRICOM has only about 2,000 military and civilian personnel assigned to coordinate U.S. defense programs in about 38 African countries, although 5,000 or more U.S. troops are frequently on the continent for operations and training missions.

It's still a tiny fraction of the combined forces under Central Command, which oversees the war in Afghanistan and bases in the Middle East, or under Pacific Command, which has become a Pentagon priority since the White House announced a strategic “rebalancing” of forces to Asia in 2012.

U.S. military commanders working in Africa thus rely on small teams of special operations troops, U.S.-trained forces from friendly African countries and European allies, especially France, that have stepped up their own military presence and operations.

In Niger, for example, the U.S.

and French air forces based at an airport in Niamey, the capital, are flying unarmed Reaper drones to gather intelligence. They conduct aerial surveillance across several Saharan countries where some members of the Tuareg minority group have joined Islamist warlords and also farther south in Nigeria, U.S. military officers say.

Three violent extremist organizations are the chief U.S. concern. Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb is active in northern and western Africa, especially Mali, and is considered the greatest threat to Americans.

U.S. troops also are advising the Nigerian army as it establishes a special operations command to combat Boko Haram — which has launched hundreds of violent attacks across Muslim-dominated northern Nigeria — and supporting

**‘Most of the countries we’re dealing with don’t want a large U.S. presence.’**

**Army Lt. Col. Robert E. Lee Magee**  
commander of a “crisis response” unit stationed in Djibouti

African Union troops against extremist al-Shabab militants in Somalia. The U.S. command acknowledged in January that it had sent a small team of advisers to Somalia in December, the first time American troops have been stationed

there since militia fighters in Mogadishu, the capital, shot down two helicopters and killed 18 U.S. servicemen in the 1993 “Black Hawk Down” incident.

“Most of the countries we’re dealing with don’t want a large U.S. presence,” said Army Lt. Col. Robert E. Lee Magee, the commander of a 130-soldier “crisis response” unit stationed in Djibouti, a tiny former French colony in the Horn of Africa, where the U.S. maintains its only major military base on the continent.

Known as the East Africa Response Force, Magee’s unit was formed after the September 2012 attacks on a U.S. diplomatic compound and nearby CIA base in Benghazi, Libya. AFRICOM was unable to send troops in time to help CIA and State Department security personnel fend off militants who stormed the compounds and left four Americans dead, including Ambassador Chris Stevens.

If a U.S. diplomatic post in East



CHRISTOPHE ENA/AP

**Local residents speak with soldiers as they guard the center of Tunis, Tunisia. U.S. special operations troops are in western Tunisia for counterterrorism training purposes, but experts say even a small number of U.S. troops might inflame the country’s tense security situation.**

Africa comes under attack or U.S. citizens need to be quickly evacuated, Magee said, his unit can deploy within 18 hours and up to 1,500 miles from Djibouti.

Another new quick-reaction force of 550 Marines, stationed at an air base in Moron, Spain, is charged with responding to crises in North and West Africa, officials say. The force has six V-22 Ospreys, tilt-rotor aircraft that take off and land like helicopters, as well as two refueling tankers. They give the Marines the capability to fly thousands of miles to remote locations in Africa, said Col. Scott Benedict, the commander.

The Pentagon said Friday that the Spanish government had approved an expansion of the force to 850 Marines in April, with the number of aircraft increasing to 16.

Both units were sent to South Sudan in December to help evacuate Americans and guard the U.S. Embassy after fierce fighting broke out between rival armed factions.

The operation also highlighted the risks the Pentagon faces when it seeks to intervene with light forces in remote places. Three Ospreys were hit by gunfire and had to abort their mission.

The operation in Tunisia highlights another challenge.

Government security forces have been battling militants from the banned Islamist movement Ansar al Sharia, one of the radical groups to emerge since the 2011 Arab Spring uprising that ousted President Zine el Abidine ben Ali. Tunisia has seen a sharp increase in suicide attacks and assassina-



JOSSELYN OLA/AP

**People gather to look at the remains of a vehicle after a twin car bombs exploded in Maiduguri, Nigeria, on March 2. U.S. troops are advising the Nigerian army as it establishes a special operations command to combat Boko Haram militants.**

tions in the last two years.

Because of Tunisian government concern that the presence of U.S. soldiers could provoke public opposition, the Americans operate far from the deserts of southern Tunisia, Algeria and Libya where attacks by rebel groups, tribal gangs and Islamist militants, some with ties to al-Qaida, have been increasing, the officials say.

“They’re not able to do a whole lot, and they are in a place where there isn’t a lot of activity,” said a senior military officer who requested anonymity in discussing sensitive details of the U.S. force in Tunisia.

Anne Wolf, a Tunis-based analyst who has written for the U.S. Military Academy’s Combating Terrorism Center, said even a

small number of U.S. troops could inflame Tunisia’s tense security situation.

“Any involvement of foreign troops would risk provoking further responses from violent Salafists,” she said, referring to Tunisia’s Sunni Muslim extremists. “It would confirm their allegations that the government is controlled by foreign powers who are meddling into Tunisian affairs.”

Except for major exercises, AFRICOM officials normally don’t announce deployments for reasons of operational security. They confirmed the current mission in western Tunisia, but the statement had few details, including how long the troops would remain.

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## MILITARY

# Sinclair accuser was ambitious

BY JEFFREY COLLINS  
AND MICHAEL BIESECKER  
The Associated Press

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — The Army captain who has accused Brig. Gen. Jeffrey A. Sinclair of sexually assaulting her during their three-year relationship was an ambitious soldier with plans to make the military her career, much like the boss she loved and admired.

Stirred by the 9/11 attacks to leave college to join the military, she signed up with the Army, learned the in-demand language of Arabic and showed a laser focus in trying to carve out a reputation as a soldier who could be counted on in the toughest of situations.

Her stunning allegations that Sinclair, a rising star revered by both his superiors as well as those he commanded on the battlefield, has put both of them — and the three-year affair they both admit to — under the microscope at a time when Congress and the Pentagon grapple with how best to deal with cases of sexual impropriety within the military ranks.

Her credibility is central to the case. Is she a woman whose affair with a charismatic and approachable superior ended with him forcing her to perform oral sex and threatening to kill her and her family? Or is she, as Sinclair's lawyers have portrayed, a jilted lover who fabricated allegations of

sexual assault when Sinclair refused to leave his wife?

She testified Friday as Sinclair's court-martial began. She is expected to return to the stand Monday, where Sinclair's attorneys likely will ask tough, pointed questions and will dissect the relationship in extremely graphic detail.

The Associated Press generally does not identify reputed victims of sexual assault. Much of what is known about the 34-year-old captain comes from her own testimony during the various military proceedings.

Her allegations set in motion a rare court-martial against a brigadier general. He is believed to be only the third high-ranking military officer to face court-martial in the past half-century — and the highest-ranking officer to be accused of sexual assault.

The charges against Sinclair and his hearing come at a time the Army is under increasing pressure to confront what it has called an epidemic of sexual misconduct. On Thursday, the U.S. Senate rejected a proposal that would end the practice of allowing commanders to decide if serious crimes move forward through military courts.

Sinclair, 51, this past week pleaded guilty to charges he had improper relationships with two other female Army officers and to committing adultery with the captain, a crime in the military. He also admitted to possessing pornography in Afghanistan, a violation of orders for soldiers in the socially conservative Muslim country.

By pleading guilty to those lesser charges, Sinclair's attorneys hope to boil the case down to a classic "he said, she said," and zero in on whether his accuser is to be

trusted and believed. It will be up to a jury comprising five two-star generals to decide whether Sinclair at any time forced her to perform sex acts or whether everything that happened was consensual.

Sinclair's attorneys have hammered her credibility throughout the case, pointing to inconsistencies in her story each time she has told it. They also say her account of an abusive relationship is also contradicted by much more positive memories of the relationship in a diary she kept during the affair, as well as thousands of often sexually explicit emails and text messages she exchanged with the general.

By the time the affair ended, the general's mistress tearfully testified Friday, she had begun contemplating suicide.

Still, she testified in 2012 that she loved the general and didn't want him to face serious punishment. With the passage of time, however, her position hardened.

In a December letter sent by her attorney, the woman opposed a plea agreement where Sinclair would have pleaded guilty to lesser charges in exchange for the dismissal of the sexual assault allegations.

Writing on behalf of her client, Capt. Cassie L. Fowler suggested the proposed deal would "have an adverse effect on my client and the Army's fight against sexual assault."

"Acceptance of this plea would send the wrong signal to those senior commanders who would prey on their subordinates by using their rank and position, thereby ensuring there will be other victims like my client in the future," Fowler wrote.

## 'Selfie' punishment is secret

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — The punishment of a Fort Carson soldier who caused internet outrage with a "selfie" of her avoiding saluting the flag will be kept secret, officials on the post said Friday.

That means Pfc. Tariqqa Sheffey, of Fort Carson's 43rd Sustainment Group, won't be court-martialed for placing an image on her Instagram account with a caption that read, "This is me laying back in my car hiding so I don't have to salute the 1700 flag. KEEP ALL YOUR 'THATS SO DISRESPECTFUL/HOWRUDE/ETC.' COMMENTS TO YOURSELF cuz, right now, IDGA FFFF (acronym for I don't give a 'expletive')."

Her punishment will be handled administratively, which the Army says will be kept secret in accordance with the Privacy Act.

## Pilot killed in Nev. crash ID'd

LOS ANGELES — The military pilot killed in a fighter jet crash during a training exercise in Nevada has been identified as Marine Capt. Reid Nannen.

Marine Aircraft Group 12 released the 32-year-old pilot's name Saturday.

Nannen died when the F/A-18C went down March 1 on a Navy range training complex east of Naval Air Station Fallon. The Marine jet was on loan to the naval station. The Hopedale, Ill., native was a student at the TopGun school there.

Nannen's permanent assignment was at the Marine Corps Air Station in Iwakuni, Japan, and he had twice deployed to Afghanistan during his 10-year career.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation.

From wire services



Sinclair

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## PACIFIC

## Fame: Despite TV crew's filming, training 'just another exercise' for troops

## FROM FRONT PAGE

"People will ask me about it and want to take pictures with me; everyone from little kids to grown men and women," said Staff Sgt. Jesse Kennedy, 27, one of three soldiers who was featured prominently in the episode. "Before, nobody knew who I was, and now everybody knows who I am."

Nearly three dozen 2ID soldiers appeared on the episode, which was taped in January and aired several times last month. The soldiers, all with the 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry (Mechanized), 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, lived and trained alongside their South Korean counterparts at a 17th Infantry Division base for two days, with the experience culminating in a raid on a mock village. The exercise was scheduled before the filming proposal was submitted, 2ID said.

The 90-minute episode included often mundane interactions between the men. When soldiers from the two countries first meet, they compare ranks and the Americans answer questions about their ages and their favorite Korean foods and show off their 2ID Indianhead patch.

The show is heavy on the laugh track and corny music, and is as much a comedy as a reality show. One scene pokes fun at a Korean soldier who scrunches his eyes shut while riding in a wind-rocked Black Hawk, declaring that he will never fly in a helicopter again.

In another scene, South Korean soldier-celebrity Sohn Jin-young, a runner-up in a Korean singing competition similar to "American Idol," tells the 2ID soldiers, in English, "I am locker" — presumably meaning to explain that he is a rock musician — before pulling out his guitar and singing "Knocking on Heaven's Door."

Munhwa Broadcasting Corp., the South Korean network that produced the show, declined to speak with Stars and Stripes.

A proposal submitted by the network to the U.S. military's Office of the Chief of Public Affairs in Los Angeles, which coordinates military involvement with the entertainment industry, described the show's purpose: "Through Korea's top celebrities' first-hand army experience, the show portrays not only the rigorous training exercises that soldiers go through, but also the fun that they have despite the tough training. Furthermore through these portrayals, the show reveals the comradeship in the army and emphasizes the essential role that the military plays for the security of the nation."

A production agreement with the Department of Defense allowed 2ID to participate in the program.

With the exception of any content considered operationally sensitive, the production company received a general release to use the footage they filmed, 2ID officials said.

The soldiers were not paid to appear in the show.

"Real Men," which began airing in April 2013, has resonated with the public in South Korea,



Screen shot via Youtube

**U.S. and South Korean soldiers practice raiding a mock village in January in a scene that recently was shown in an episode of "Real Men," a popular South Korean reality television show about military life. Nearly three dozen 2nd Infantry Division soldiers participated in a joint exercise that was featured on the program.**

where all able-bodied males are required to complete two years of military service. Most serve during their late teens or early 20s, sometimes interrupting their college careers to do so.

Previous episodes have included training in martial arts, scaling buildings, hostage rescue, tank maneuvering and meal preparation. The show featuring the 2ID troops also reflects the country's interest in both American culture and the U.S. military, which is often perceived as being inaccessible behind the walls of the many installations across the country, sometimes in the middle of major cities, including Seoul.

Many South Koreans have little one-on-one interaction with the 28,500 U.S. troops regularly stationed in the country.

In this episode, the U.S. troops not only ate in the Korean base cafeteria, but they also conducted a joint air assault, flying in on Black Hawks and clearing two buildings of fake bombs.

"From the U.S. side, we were treating this as a training event, and if there were cameras there, so be it," said platoon leader 2nd Lt. Nicholas Kardong, 23.

During training, the 2ID soldiers coached their South Korean counterparts on U.S. methods for conducting raids, such as approaching and clearing rooms.

"I was surprised at how seriously they took the training," Kardong said. After the air assault mission, the soldiers watched a presentation that showed key moments of the mission, including when participants were "killed" and removed from the game.

"They took their removal very seriously," he said. "They were clearly disappointed."

At the start of the two-day filming process, camera crews

selected a handful of soldiers who would be featured in the program, basing their decision on who was most outgoing and animated.

"At night, it would kind of get annoying because you just wanted to go to sleep and they kept wanting to film, but other than

that, it was just another exercise," said Pfc. Brandon Fleck, 20, who, along with Kennedy and Pfc. Joshua Lovelace, was spotlighted in the program.

He said he was surprised by the attention the soldiers have received since the show aired.

Watch an excerpt from the "Real Men" video at [stripes.com/go/15minutes](http://stripes.com/go/15minutes)

"I didn't expect it to be that big," he said. "I thought it was a little, tiny show they were doing it for."

Not so much. Six Korean celebrities — five of whom have completed their military service — took part in the filming.

"All the Koreans got nervous around them, but we didn't know who they were, so I didn't get nervous at all," said Lovelace, 22.

In one scene, Kennedy got a round of applause when he arrived at the group's tent with a box of soft drinks and a plastic grocery bag filled with snacks.

"What is this?" a puzzled Korean soldier asked as he unrolled one of the offerings — a rolled fruit snack that appeared to be several feet long. Two soldiers were shown nibbling opposite ends of the same snack before the screen flashed to an image of a man and woman eating a strand of spaghetti, "Lady and the Tramp"-style. Another soldier looped a length of his fruit snack around his neck.

The South Korean version of MREs, which included fried rice, kimchi and almond cake, got positive reviews from the Americans.

"It was a little better than ours," Kennedy said. "After a while, you just get tired of eating the same things over and over again, you know."

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## NATION

## Politicians poke fun during Gridiron event

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Politicians poked fun at adversaries and themselves Saturday night at the annual Gridiron dinner, a gathering of journalists and public figures.

Conservative Sen. Ted Cruz joked about his clashes with Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell.

Cruz, not known to closely follow party leaders' instructions, told the crowd that McConnell had asked him to represent the Republicans "and when Leader McConnell wants something, who am I to say no?"

Cruz mentioned his recent filibuster opposing the health care law. It featured 21 hours of "nothing but my favorite sound" Cruz said of his lengthy talk.

Charlie Crist, who was Florida governor as a Republican and seeks to regain the job as a Democrat — spoke for his new party. Crist said he checked his big ego by reminding himself that John McCain found Sarah Palin a worthier running mate in 2008. The final speaker was Secretary of State John Kerry, a former senator and 2004 presidential nominee.

Kerry joked about government spying on people including journalists, saying it was "so nice to put faces to the metadata." Kerry said Obama asked him to tell the audience, "If you like your rented tuxedo, you can keep it."

Every president since Grover Cleveland has attended the Gridiron dinner, which was first held in 1885. Obama attended the gridiron in 2011 and 2013.



BARBARA ORTUTAY/AP

**Fugitive WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange speaks via Skype at the South By SouthWest Interactive festival in Austin, Texas, on Saturday.**

## WikiLeaks' Assange talks NSA, hints at more leaks

BY BARBARA ORTUTAY

The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Fugitive WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, speaking over Skype from the Ecuadoran embassy in London, said his living situation is a bit like prison — with a more lenient visitor policy.

He also hinted that new leaks are coming from WikiLeaks, though he gave no specifics on what they might be.

Assange, who has been confined to the embassy since June 2012, discussed government surveillance, journalism and the situation in Ukraine on Saturday in a streaming-video interview beamed to an audience of 3,500 attendees of the South By SouthWest interactive festival in Austin, Texas.

Assange's hourlong remote appearance was spiked with technical glitches. As the audio cut out, he sometimes asked audience members to raise their hands if they could hear him. Benjamin Palmer, the co-founder of marketing firm The Barbarian Group who interviewed Assange, at one point resorted to texting his

questions.

Looking well-groomed in a white shirt, a scarf and a black blazer, Assange blasted President Barack Obama's administration, saying it was not taking fellow secrets leaker Edward Snowden's revelations about the National Security Agency's surveillance activities seriously.

"We know what happens when the government is serious," he said. "Someone is fired, someone is forced to resign, someone is prosecuted, an investigation (is launched), a budget is cut. None of that has happened in the last eight months since the Edward Snowden revelations."

Assange's appearance at the five-day conference — which will host Snowden in a similar remote interview Monday from Russia, which granted him temporary asylum — signal the growing concern in the tech community around issues of online privacy, surveillance and security, even as Internet giants like Google and Facebook reap billions of dollars in advertising revenue from collecting information about their users.



SUSAN WALSH/AP

**Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., speaks Friday at the Conservative Political Action Committee annual conference in National Harbor, Md.**

## Rand Paul wins straw poll at conservative gathering

BY STEVE PEOPLES

The Associated Press

OXON HILL, Md. — High-profile Republicans launched a dual effort to attack Hillary Clinton as prospective Democratic presidential candidate and improve the party's longstanding struggle with female voters at the nation's largest annual gathering of conservative activists on Saturday.

It was the closing act of a Republican summit that highlighted acute challenges for a party that hasn't won a presidential election in a decade.

The 2008 Republican vice presidential nominee, Sarah Palin, offered a message to all women, a group that has backed Democrats in every presidential election since 1988: "Women, don't let them use you — unless you choose to be their political pawn, just their piece of accessory on their arm."

The Republican firebrand was among just a handful of women featured on the main stage during the Conservative Political Action Conference, which offers an early audition for party officials weighing a 2016 presidential run and a platform for leading conservatives to put their stamp on the evolving Republican Party. Thousands of conservative activists, opinion leaders and Republican officials flocked to a hotel just across the Potomac River near Washington.

Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul won the conference's presidential preference straw poll, a symbolic victory that reflects his popularity among conservatives who typically hold outsized influence in the Republican's presidential selection process.

Clinton has yet to announce her 2016 intentions, but she is considered the overwhelming favorite to win her party's nomination should she run.

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich charged that Clinton would be "a prison guard for the past" should she become president. Gingrich was a 2012 presidential hopeful.

Rep. Michele Bachmann declared that the former secretary of state "has a lot to explain" should she run for president, raising pointed questions about Clinton's work in Russia and Libya. And she challenged the Republican Party's struggle with women.

Men dominated the speaking

program for the first two days of the three-day event until the final day.

The imbalance caught the attention of Washington-based conservative blogger Crystal Wright, a guest panelist on a discussion on how to attract more women.

"Part of it is basic optics. How did we start this conference? With one gender representing the movement of the conservative party," she said, suggesting that female participants shouldn't be "stacked up on one day."

After a disappointing 2012 election season, Republican officials acknowledged the need to broaden the party's appeal among the growing bloc of minority voters and women.

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## NATION

# Arrests at 'Blarney Blowout'

## Police raid St. Patrick's celebration at UMass

The Associated Press

AMHERST, Mass. — A pre-St. Patrick's Day celebration near the flagship campus of the University of Massachusetts spiraled out of control, pitting police in riot gear against thousands of drunken and unruly revelers at the annual "Blarney Blowout."

There were more than 70 arrests, and four officers were injured in the clashes that included some students throwing beer bottles, cans and snowballs, officials said.

Amherst police said early Sunday that 73 people had been arrested after authorities said most of the day Saturday attempting to disperse several large gatherings around the UMass campus for the party traditionally held the Saturday before spring break.

The partying carried through Saturday evening into early Sunday, and Amherst police Capt. Jennifer Gundersen said in a statement that police were busy with numerous reports of fights, noise and highly intoxicated individuals.

Gundersen called the daylong partying "extremely disturbing and unsafe."

"Perhaps one of the worst scenes we have ever had with drunkenness and unruly



ROBERT RIZZUTO, THE (SPRINGFIELD, MASS.) REPUBLICAN/AP

**Police detain participants in the pre-St. Patrick's Day "Blarney Blowout" near the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, Mass., on Saturday.**

ness," Gundersen told The Republican in Springfield. "It is extremely upsetting. It is very dangerous."

UMass denounced the "unruly behavior" Saturday, and spokesman Ed Blaguszewski said students who were arrested will be reviewed under the school's code of conduct and that sanctions could include suspension or expulsion.

The size and scope of the gatherings have led to violence and fights, injuries, severe alcohol intoxication, sexual assaults, excessive noise, property damage and violence toward the police and community members, police said.

Most of the arrests came at an off-campus apartment complex, where large crowds began gathering Saturday morning for the annual event, which was started by bars to allow the students to celebrate the holiday before their spring break begins this week.

Police from the city, university and state troopers in riot gear converged on a crowd of about 4,000 people at an apartment com-

plex shortly after noon, police said. Authorities said there were acts of destruction of property, and as officers began to disperse the crowd they were pelted with glass bottles, beer cans and snowballs.

After the disturbance at the apartment complex was quieted, several thousand people assembled near a frat house. That gathering became dangerous and out of control, officials said, and when officers tried to clear the crowd they again faced people throwing bottles, rocks, cans and snowballs.

Police said early Sunday that some of those arrested had been released on bail, while others were held, depending on charges.

Amherst police Capt. Christopher Pro-novost described the day as "mayhem" to the Daily Hampshire Gazette.

"This can't be in any way, shape or form characterized as a party," he said. "This is destruction of property (and) assaultive behavior."

# Calif. stage gives way; up to 40 injured

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — A stage at a Southern California high school collapsed during a student event and 30 to 40 people were rushed to hospitals with mainly minor injuries, authorities said.

Police, firefighters and medics responded to a call shortly before 11 p.m. Saturday after the stage gave way at Servite High School, according to the Anaheim Fire Department.

The dispatch supervisory office told The Associated Press that up to 40 people were transported to hospitals.

The office said it was not immediately clear if the injured were students.

Anaheim police Lt. Tim Schmidt told local news organizations that the injuries included broken bones, bruises and scrapes.

He told the Los Angeles Times that about 250 girls from sister Catholic school Rosary High School were on the stage at the time.

"Early investigations suggest the front of the stage gave out due to weight," Schmidt said.

The newspaper said 300 to 400 students and parents were in the auditorium at the time of the collapse.

The students were performing in "Red and Gold," Rosary High's annual musical theater challenge in which teams prepare for six weeks to put on choral, dance, drama and other performances, according to the school's website.

Servite High School is an all-boys Catholic school in Anaheim. Rosary is an all-girls sister school in Fullerton.

# Immigration detainees on hunger strike

The Associated Press

TACOMA, Wash. — Immigrant rights activists rallied outside the Northwest Detention Center in Washington state on Saturday while at least 750 detainees protested their treatment with a hunger strike and called for an end to deportations.

The Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency announced Saturday morning that 750 detainees had refused to eat and said they were on a hunger strike.

Activist Maru Mora Villalpando said the hunger strike started Friday as a protest against deportations as well as conditions at the center. She said the hunger strikers, who she believes number more than 1,000, are seeking better food and treatment as well as better pay for center jobs.

"We are concerned for their welfare, and we support their brave stand against inhumane treatment," Villalpando said. "We are gravely concerned about retaliation, particularly against the hunger strike leaders."

The center currently houses nearly 1,300 people being investigated for possible deportation. ICE spokesman Andrew Munoz said the agency respects the right of detainees.

"While we continue to work with Congress to enact common-sense immigration reform, ICE remains committed to sensible, effective immigration enforcement," he said.



TIM TELFORD, COURTESY OF THE POLK COUNTY (FLA.) SHERIFF'S OFFICE/AP

# Skydiver, plane collide

A plane nose-dives into the ground after getting tangled in the strings of a skydiver's parachute Saturday at the South Lakeland Airport in Mulberry, Fla. Both the pilot and jumper were hospitalized with minor injuries. Polk County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Carrie Eleazer said pilot Shannon Trembley, 87, was doing takeoff and landing maneuvers in his Cessna. On his third landing pass, the wing of his plane became entangled in Gainesville, Fla., skydiver John Frost's parachute about 75 feet above the ground. Frost, 49, was flung to the ground, and Trembley's plane nose-dived to the ground as well. Eleazer said Frost was treated and released, and Trembley was held for observation.

## WORLD

# Jet may have turned back before vanishing

By EILEEN NG  
AND CHRIS BRUMMITT  
*The Associated Press*

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — International intelligence agencies joined the investigation Sunday into two passengers who boarded the Boeing 777 jetliner with stolen passports, as Malaysian authorities said radar images showed the plane may have turned back before vanishing.

More than a day and half after Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370

went missing, no debris from the plane has been found, and the final minutes before it disappeared remain a mystery. The plane, which was carrying 239 people, lost contact with ground controllers somewhere between Malaysia and Vietnam after leaving Kuala Lumpur early Saturday morning for Beijing.

A massive international sea search so far has turned up no trace of the jet, though Vietnamese authorities said late Sunday that a low-flying plane had spot-

ted a rectangular object in waters about 56 miles south of Tho Chu island, in the same area where oil slicks were spotted Saturday. State media speculated the object might be from the missing plane.

Civil administration chief Pham Viet Dung said Vietnam had informed search teams from Vietnam and other countries to send boats to the area to examine the object. Authorities said earlier that they had spotted an orange object in the area that turned out not to be from the aircraft.

The missing plane apparently fell from the sky at cruising altitude in fine weather, and the pilots were either unable or had no time to send a distress signal — unusual circumstances under which a modern jetliner operated by a professional airline would crash.

Malaysia's air force chief, Rodzali Daud, said radar indicated that the plane may have turned back, but did not give further details on which direction it went or how far it veered off course.

"We are trying to make sense

of this," Daud said at a news conference. "The military radar indicated that the aircraft may have made a turn back, and in some parts this was corroborated by civilian radar."

Authorities were checking on the identities of two passengers who boarded the plane with stolen passports. On Saturday, the foreign ministries in Italy and Austria said the names of two citizens listed on the flight's manifest matched the names on two passports reported stolen in Thailand.

## North Koreans voting, but government picks for whom

*The Associated Press*

PYONGYANG, North Korea — North Koreans went to polling stations on Sunday to approve a new national legislature.

The vote for the Supreme People's Assembly is the first in five years and the first under leader Kim Jong Un. The last elections were held in March 2009, when 687 deputies were elected to the assembly. It is the most powerful body under North Korea's constitution, but in reality has little political power.

Instead of choosing which candidates they support, voters are given the choice of a yes or no for the single candidate on their ballot. Virtually all choose yes.

Despite the lack of drama, the voting was being held in a holiday atmosphere, with national flags hoisted along the streets, women decked out in colorful, traditional clothing and dancing events held in parks,

schools and riversides.

Voting in authoritarian North Korea is considered to be obligatory. Outside observers say that makes elections in North Korea an opportunity for the authorities to check up on the population and to tighten control.

Hyon Byong Chol, the chairman of a preparatory committee for one of the sub-districts in the election, called the vote "meaningful" because it is the first under Kim.

"Through this election, we will fully display the might of the single-hearted unity of our army and people who are firmly united behind our respected marshal," he said.

The Supreme People's Assembly usually runs five-year sessions. It meets only rarely, often only once per year. When it is not in session, its work is done by a smaller and more powerful body called the Presidium. Kim is also a candidate.



Security forces and civilians inspect the site of a bomb attack in Hillah, about 60 miles south of Baghdad, on Sunday.

## EU official: No guarantee that Iran nuclear deal will succeed

By NASSER KARIMI  
*The Associated Press*

TEHRAN, Iran — The European Union's foreign policy chief said Sunday that there is "no guarantee" that Iran and world powers will reach a final deal over the country's nuclear program.

Catherine Ashton was in Tehran for meetings with Iranian officials on ongoing negotiations over the country's nuclear program, as well as the civil war in Syria and other issues. She spoke to reporters in a joint briefing with Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif.

Separately, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani advocated pursuing "new relations" with European countries that for

years have been at odds, alongside the United States, with Tehran over Iran's disputed nuclear program.

"Besides ongoing nuclear talks that should be driven ahead, there are other suitable fields in which both Iran and European Union can consider push relations and cooperation ahead," the president said in remarks quoted by his website. He suggested energy and transportation cooperation.

Under an interim deal in November, Iran agreed to limit a key nuclear activity, uranium enrichment, in return for easing sanctions by the West.

Negotiations for a final deal are ongoing. Ashton leads the six-nation group — the U.S., Britain, France, Russia, China and Germany — in talks with Iran.

## At least 42 killed in Iraq attacks

By SINAN SALAHEDDIN  
*The Associated Press*

BAGHDAD — A suicide car bomber set off his explosive-laden vehicle at a security checkpoint Sunday in southern Iraq, the deadliest of a series of attacks that killed 42 people, officials said. The violence, which comes a few weeks before scheduled elections, is the latest by insurgents bent on destabilizing the country.

The blast struck the entrance of the Shiite-dominated city of Hillah during morning rush hour as dozens of cars waited to be searched. The explosion killed 21 civilians, including a woman and a 12-

year-old, and 15 security personnel, two police officers said. It wounded at least 115, they said.

The bombing set dozens of cars ablaze, killing those trapped inside. Debris littered the ground, covered by foam sprayed by firefighters trying to extinguish the fire.

Elsewhere on Sunday, militants launched attacks just outside the capital against security forces and employees of the state-run oil company, killing six people, police said. They said the assaults wounded 16.

Medical officials confirmed the casualty figures for all the attacks. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to release the information.

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## UKRAINE UNREST

# US-Russia telephone diplomacy yields no immediate results

By KAREN DEYOUNG  
The Washington Post

When President Barack Obama and Russian President Vladimir Putin discussed Ukraine in two lengthy phone calls last week, neither expected the other to say: "You know what (Barack/ Vladimir)? You're right."

Instead, each leader laid out his own set of facts with no common ground between them, according to public and private accounts of the calls. Putin told Obama that ethnic Russians in Crimea needed protection from attacks by Ukrainian nationalists. The government in Kiev, he said, was illegal, and Russia's actions to defend them were completely legitimate.

Not so, Obama responded. There were no attacks against ethnic Russians, and Putin's deployment of troops to Crimea was illegal. Obama said Russia could withdraw and allow international monitors to assess the situation, or risk serious international consequences, according to a senior administration official listening in.

Despite the near-total lack of common ground, the U.S. side, at least, considered the calls useful. It's always worth talking to Putin, the senior official said, because he says what he thinks and may even reflect later on a conversation that seemed to go nowhere at the time.

"If there's a chance for an outcome in Ukraine, said Michael McPaul, who served as Obama's ambassador to Moscow until last week, "it's only going to happen in that channel. It's very important to understand about the nature of Russian decision-making right now. ... The only person who can resolve that crisis in Russia is Vladimir Putin."

So far, there is little evidence that their 2½ hours of conversation during the past week has budged Obama or Putin. But while nothing seems to have been gained, "nothing is lost [by] engagement," McPaul said.

## Putin doesn't see America as weak, ex-diplomat says

By HANNAH ALLAM  
McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Plotting a U.S. response to Vladimir Putin's land grab in Ukraine requires an understanding that the Russian leader operates without a clear-cut foreign policy and out of "dual impulses" of asserting Moscow's power while courting Western approval, according to an American diplomat who observed him up close for five years.

Michael McPaul, who until last month was the U.S. ambassador to Moscow and before that oversaw Russian and Eurasian matters on the White House National Security Council, told journalists in a wide-ranging briefing Friday that examining Putin's motivations is crucial for crafting a realistic countermove to his internationally condemned occupation of the Crimea region of Ukraine.

McPaul's impressions of Putin, gleaned from years of academic and diplomatic work in the region, portray a shrewd leader who wants to show the world a modern, new Russia, but too often operates out of what the ambassador called an "exaggerated" sense of U.S. power in the world.

McPaul's list is closely to President Putin, he is not describing the world in a way that he thinks President (Barack) Obama and his administration is weak. On the contrary, he has a theory about American power that is quite paranoid," McPaul said.

From Putin's point of view, McPaul said, the United States is "fomenting instability and revolution in the Middle East, in Russia and,

now, Ukraine."

McPaul argued that the current crisis comes from Russia's internal politics rather than fears of U.S. and allied machinations to wrest Ukraine from its traditional Russian fold. He said that Ukraine was always the keystone of Putin's overarching foreign policy goal to create a Eurasian Economic Union as a counterweight to the European Union.

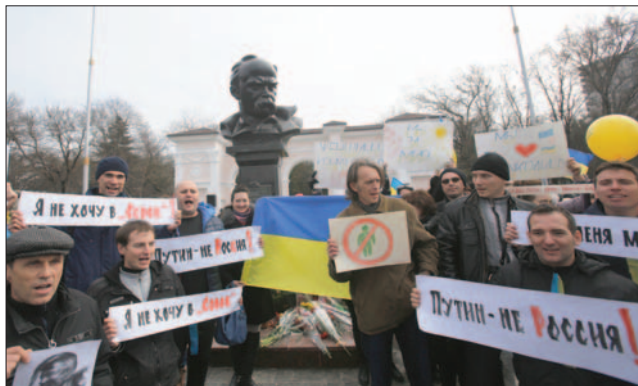
McPaul said that Moscow's joy over Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich's refusal to sign an agreement with the EU was replaced by disappointment and frustration with his failure to quell the resulting demonstrations.

But the protests would grow into the uprising that forced him from power. Yanukovich was replaced by an interim authority that quickly downgraded the Russian language in Ukraine and made it clear it intended to work closely with the West.

"That was a major blow and a major frustration for the Kremlin and for the Russian government in general," McPaul said. "And so the move into Crimea, I think, was a tactical counterpunch by President Putin to slow down what would've been, from his perspective, the inevitable victory of anti-Russian forces throughout all of Ukraine. This was an impulsive move to stop that."



Putin



DARRO VOJNOVIC/AP

People shout slogans Sunday as they stand next to a statue of Ukrainian poet Taras Shevchenko during a rally against the breakup of the country in Simferopol, Crimea, Ukraine.

# PM vows not to give up any Ukrainian territory

By JOHN-THOR DAHLBURG  
The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — As separatists in Crimea kept up pressure for unification with Moscow, Ukraine on Sunday solemnly commemorated the 200th anniversary of the birth of its greatest poet, with the prime minister vowing not to give up "a single centimeter" of Ukrainian territory.

"This is our land," Arseniy Yatsenyuk told a crowd gathered at the Kiev statue to writer and nationalist Taras Shevchenko. "Our fathers and grandfathers have spilled their blood for this land. And we won't budge a single centimeter from Ukrainian land. Let Russia and its president know this."

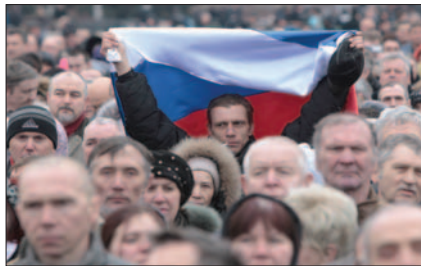
"We're one country, one family and we're here together with our kobzar (bard) Taras," said acting President Oleksandr Turchynov.

In the afternoon, Ukrainians in the tens of thousands massed in their capital city's downtown for a multi-faith prayer meeting to show their unity and to honor Shevchenko, a son of peasant serfs who is considered the father of modern Ukrainian literature and is a national hero.

One of the speakers, former imprisoned Russian tycoon Mikhail Khodorkovsky, almost burst into tears as he implored the crowd to believe that not all Russians support their country's recent actions in Ukraine.

"I want you to know there is a completely different Russia," Khodorkovsky said.

In Moscow, Russian President Vladimir Putin made it clear that he supports the March 16 referendum the regional parliament in



SERGEI CHUZAVKOV/AP

A man holds up a Russian flag Sunday during a pro-Russia rally in Donetsk, Ukraine.

Crimea plans to hold on leaving Ukraine to join Russia.

In phone calls with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and British Minister David Cameron on Sunday, Putin defended the situation in Crimea, where Russia reinforced its armed presence this weekend, the Kremlin said.

"The steps taken by the legitimate leadership of Crimea are based on the norms of international law and aim to ensure the legal interests of the population of the peninsula," said Putin, according to the Kremlin.

Following an extraordinary meeting of the Ukrainian government in Kiev on Sunday, Yatsenyuk announced that he will fly to the United States this week for high-level talks on "resolution of the situation in Ukraine," the Interfax news agency reported.

"Our country and our people are facing the biggest challenges

in the history of modern independent Ukraine," the prime minister said earlier in the day. "Will we be able to deal with these challenges? There should only be one answer to this question and that is: yes."

Crimea, a strategic peninsula in southern Ukraine, has become the flashpoint in the battle for Ukraine, where three months of protests sparked by President Viktor Yanukovich's decision to ditch a significant treaty with the 28-nation European Union after strong pressure from Russia led to his downfall. A majority of people in Crimea identify with Russia, and Moscow's Black Sea Fleet is based in Sevastopol, as is Ukraine's.

This past weekend, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov ruled out any dialogue with Ukraine's new authorities, whom he dismissed as the puppets of extremists.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Man arrested after squirt-gun incidents

**NM** ALBUQUERQUE — Albuquerque police have arrested a man they say approached numerous children to film them getting squirted with a water gun.

The Albuquerque Journal reported that a criminal complaint released Friday shows Kevin Jaramillo, 35, facing eight counts of child abuse, one count of kidnapping and one count of indecent exposure.

According to police, the suspect would ask victims to help him raise money for church and to "save puppies."

Police said in some instances, the victims, who range in age from 9 to 18, complained of stomachaches or burning sensations in their eyes after being squirted in the face with fluid.

Police alleged that Jaramillo also exposed himself to a 9-year-old girl.

## Worker under fire for Facebook post on dog

**AZ** PHOENIX — Supporters hoping to save a dog who bit a boy from being euthanized are calling for the firing of a Maricopa County animal control employee who made fun of their efforts on Facebook.

KTVK-TV reported that Vanessa Martinez, a Maricopa County Animal Care and Control employee, posted on a "Save Mickey" Facebook page that the dog would be "going night night."

The MCACC director said employees have the right to free speech outside of work.

Authorities said Mickey bit a 4-year-old boy who wandered into the yard and tried to take the dog's bone. The boy faces several facial surgeries.

A judge will decide March 13 what will happen to Mickey.

## Bones found at site may be Native American

**TX** ROUND ROCK — Authorities said human bones discovered last week by construction crews in Central Texas are almost certainly ancient remains of Native Americans.

The Austin American-Statesman reported that Round Rock Police Cmdr. Alain Babin said an FBI anthropologist saw images of the bones and became "quite certain that they are ancient remains."

Anthropologists from Texas State University were set to go to the wooded area where roads for a new 225-home subdivision are being built. The area is known to locals as a good place to look for arrowheads.

Historic American Indian remains are found on private land, the landowner must either preserve the site or have a professional, such as a licensed funeral director, a coroner or a professional archaeologist, remove them, according to state law.

## Footprints in snow lead to burglary arrest

**AR** HARRISON — Boone County authorities say

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The estimated number of little brown bats in North America that have died from white nose syndrome, a disease that rouses infected bats from hibernation and sends them out to the insect-less, winter landscape where they succumb to hunger and exposure. Vermont biologists think the worst of the epidemic may be over, at least in their state where thousands of the bats have been found spending the winter in the Aeolus bat cave in Dorset. It remains to be seen if those bats survived exposure to white nose or whether they are uninfected bats that flew to Vermont to hibernate and could still face exposure.



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

## Time keeper

Custodian Ray Keen inspects a clock face before changing the time to reflect the onset of daylight saving time on the 100-year-old clock atop the Clay County Courthouse in Clay Center, Kan., on Saturday.

footprints left in the snow led them to arrest a burglary suspect.

Sheriff Keith Slape told the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette that deputies followed the footprints from a home in Western Grove that had been burglarized to the home of Stephen McEntire, 31. Slape said McEntire was later found and arrested at a home in Harrison.

McEntire was jailed on \$25,000 bond on charges of residential burglary, breaking or entering, theft of property and criminal trespass.

## City schools accused of religious beard bias

**PA** PHILADELPHIA — The city's school district has been accused in a federal lawsuit filed by the Department of Justice of discriminating against an employee who said he couldn't trim his beard for religious reasons.

The complaint, filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court, alleges the School District of Philadelphia in October 2010 instituted a grooming policy preventing school police and security officers from having beards more than a quarter of an inch long

and discriminated against Siddiq Abu-Bakr and other people by failing to accommodate their religious beliefs.

Abu-Bakr, a longtime school police officer, is a member of the Islamic faith, which requires him to let his beard grow, the lawsuit says. He has kept his beard uncut for the 27 years he has worked for the school district, and there's no evidence it has interfered with his job performance, the lawsuit says.

The lawsuit seeks to have the school district implement new grooming policies that would prevent employees from being discriminated against based on religion. It also wants monetary damages for Abu-Bakr and other people in similar situations.

## 2 men guilty in sale of trade secrets to China

**CA** SAN FRANCISCO — Two men were convicted Wednesday of stealing an American company's secret recipe for making a chemical used to whiten products from cars to the middle of Oreo cookies and selling it to a competitor controlled by the Chinese government.

The four-man, eight-woman federal jury found Robert Mac-

gerle, 78, and Walter Liew, 56, guilty of economic espionage. Each could face 15 years or more in prison and hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines.

Noting Liew's connections to China, U.S. District Judge Jeffrey White ordered him taken into custody immediately. Liew's lawyer, Stuart Gasner, said he would appeal.

The two men were convicted in San Francisco of stealing Delaware-based DuPont Co.'s method for making titanium dioxide, a chemical that fetches \$17 billion a year in sales worldwide.

## FBI rushes to fill instructor positions

**DC** WASHINGTON — The FBI is scrambling to fill instructor positions and restart classes at its training academy after the lifting of a sequestration-forced hiring freeze that quieted the famed facility at Quantico, Va.

The bureau is short dozens of instructors who oversee a range of courses, as many were reassigned to other FBI offices when Congress imposed mandatory budget cuts. With funding flowing again, the bureau wants to

hire hundreds of special agents and analysts this fiscal year.

Owen Harris, the FBI's assistant director of the training division, said he needs to fill about 40 instructor jobs in advance of the first new-agent class.

## Marathon spelling bee finally concludes

**MO** KANSAS CITY — A marathon spelling bee finally has a conclusion — after nearly 100 rounds and two weeks of anticipation.

A seventh-grader and fifth-grader exhausted the Jackson County spelling bee's initial word list Feb. 22, forcing another day of competition.

On Saturday, the seventh-grader was declared the winner after his opponent stumbled on "stifling" in the 28th round.

Kush Sharma, of Kansas City, accurately spelled "definition" in the next round to claim the title and move on to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in May. Lee's Summit fifth-grader Sophia Hoffman took second place.

Sharma and Hoffman were the last two standing last month after 19 rounds.

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## OPINION

## Ensure no one else upskirts the law

By HANNA ROSIN  
State

**C**reeps, rejoice! Taking pictures up a woman's skirt when she doesn't know it is perfectly legal, according to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, which ruled this month that the practice, called "upskirting," is not covered under the state's peeping Tom laws. The case involved one noble citizen named Michael Robertson, who was picked up on a Boston trolley in a sting operation after two fellow riders told the police that he had been taking pictures under unsuspecting women's skirts. (In a fine act of sisterly revenge, one of the women who turned him in took pictures of him taking the pictures.)

The state ruled that Robertson could not be charged under the current law because one of the five criteria for being a "peeping Tom" was that "the subject was another person who was nude or partially nude," and the women whose photos showed up on his cellphone were, like most riders on the Boston trolley, dressed in clothing at the time he took their pictures.

"A female passenger on a MBTA trolley who is wearing a skirt, dress, or the like covering (private) parts of her body is not a person who is 'partially nude,' no matter what is or is not underneath the skirt by way of underwear or other clothing," the court said in a unanimous ruling written by Justice Margot Botsford. What is (or is not) underneath the skirt, of course, can be found on various upskirting websites, where pictures of thighs, crotches and panties abound.

The Massachusetts House speaker immediately vowed to close the loophole in the law. (The governor signed the new bill Friday. -Ed.) This shouldn't be too difficult, as several states have already come up with decent language to do the same. Washington state, for example, passed a law a few years ago making it illegal to record or transmit "an image of another per-

son's intimate areas covered by clothing" when the image is taken in a public place without the person's consent. But although this particular law may be easy to fix, the larger problem is how reluctant lawmakers are to recognize the myriad, creative ways new technologies have allowed men to humiliate women.

Upskirting is like an anonymous version of "revenge porn," the practice of posting your girlfriend's naked pictures online if you're pissed at her. Upskirting, by contrast, is more passive and generally not directed at any one woman in particular. Air marshals do it. Commuters do it. Players do it, like this one who posted on an upskirting site:

*I've been upskirting chicks, mostly at clubs, for almost two years. The club I go to is a great spot, real crowded, strobe lights going, loud music, so no one notices me sitting near the edge of the dance floor and if a woman in a skirt ends up by me I stick the cam under and snap.*

Now even if this douche moved to a state where upskirting is illegal, it would still be perfectly legal in most states for him to post online all the pictures he already has on his cellphone, according to Danielle Citron, a law professor who supports the effort to make revenge porn illegal. In her forthcoming book, "Hate Crimes in Cyberspace," Citron documents the way women's lives can be ruined when someone posts a nude picture of them online that co-workers or employers or anyone else can easily look up. (One of the women she profiles had to change her name.)

The movement to end revenge porn is making some headway. Earlier this year the FBI announced the Moore, known as the kingpin of revenge porn, and charged him with paying for stolen photos. In Michigan, a judge awarded \$300,000 to a woman whose nude photos had been posted online. California police recently arrested a man who runs a revenge porn site, and Gov. Jerry Brown signed a law banning the practice. The California law has its own loopholes. It does not apply to distributors

of revenge porn, only the people who took the pictures. It only applies to pictures taken by someone else (which would cover upskirting, but not a selfie a girlfriend once sent). And the law requires prosecutors to prove that the poster intended to inflict emotional distress, rather than seeing the online pictures as inherently distressing.

Slate's Emily Bazelon favors another model bill proposed by law professor Mary Anne Franks that "makes it a crime to 'disclose' an image, video or recording involving nudity or sexual contact without the subject's consent," under circumstances in which the person has a reasonable expectation of privacy." To make sure the law covers upskirting, I might add a clause so it read: "nudity or sexual contact or a person's intimate area covered by clothing."

A dozen states are considering different versions of revenge porn laws, summarized here, some of which make posting someone's nude pictures online without her consent a felony. The ACLU is concerned about the laws, because they criminalize use of photos that the posters legally own. ACLU lawyer Lee Rowland told NPR that a constitutional version of such laws would have four elements: "It must designate that the perpetrator had malicious intent, that his or her action caused actual harm, that he or she acted knowingly without consent and that the victim had an expectation of privacy." These requirements still don't acknowledge revenge porn, or upskirting, as inherently harmful, but they come pretty close.

Moore used to present himself as a First Amendment bad boy, posing in pictures with women in bikinis and saying it was his right to "look at naked girls all day." Then at some point he had a change of heart, telling Rolling Stone that "ruining people's lives with naked pictures wasn't, you know, the ideal job." If even Moore can figure that out, legislators should be able to.

Hanna Rosin is the author of "The End of Men," a co-founder of Slate's DoubleX and a senior editor at the Atlantic.

## Hey, where did the Marshall Islands just go?

By J. DANA STUTSER  
Foreign Policy

**T**he Marshall Islands are a leading advocate of international action at climate change. If you ever needed an illustration for why, this is it.

This month an unusually high tide, sometimes called a king tide, swept through the island nation's capital city, Majuro. Even something as modest as a swelling tide can have an outsize effect in the Marshalls, which comprises low-lying islands in the Pacific Ocean — the highest elevation in the entire island chain is just 33 feet.

"Around 1,000 people were displaced as a result of the king tide, and a number of family homes were completely wiped out by the encroaching seas," Marshall

Islands Minister for Foreign Affairs Philip Muller told FP by email. Muller said it was the worst king tide to hit the Marshalls in decades. "On Tuesday, the cabinet declared a state of emergency, and government agencies are now in high gear to help the communities in Majuro to deal with the situation. But the cleanup has only just begun, and many of the Marshallese affected will never fully recover."

The tide washed through a landfill, picking up trash and sewage, and a cemetery, jostling gravesites. It also damaged buildings and homes. "We are hopeful that those houses that are far away enough from the shoreline that they may be able to be repaired in such a way that a similar tide within the next five to 10 years can be saved off," Marshall Islands Climate Change Minister Tony de Brum said, but he stressed that the king tide will have lingering effects. "When the king tides come, the salt inundates, it doesn't go away. ... The salt remains in the soil and in the groundwater."

The Marshall Islands are periodically inundated by high tides like this. The country last suffered severe tidal flooding in June 2013, when tides washed over storm walls and flooded the Majuro airport and the home of the president. "The president tells me that he has since added another foot to the height of his protective sea wall," Muller says. "Such is the new reality of climate change in the Pacific."

The tide this month "is a combination of a little bit of everything," Steven Gillett, a senior scientist at NOAA's National Ocean Service's Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services, told FP. The highest tides, like this one, are associated with the alignment of the sun and moon during perigee — the point at which the moon's orbit passes closest to Earth.

That's also being exacerbated by changes in sea level.

"What we are noticing is that it really depends on what's going on with the levels," Gillett said. He noted that "it can't be said it is entirely a matter of global warming," citing variations in sea level around the Pacific and seasonal variation, but said that "over the long term, there's an increasing sea level trend in that area."

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change estimates that, on average, sea levels could rise between 11 and 38 1/2 inches over the next century, which would put much of the Marshall Islands underwater.

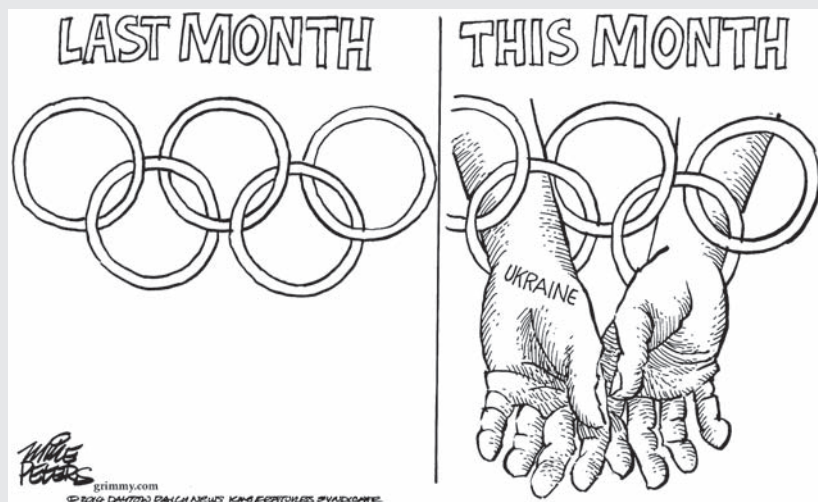
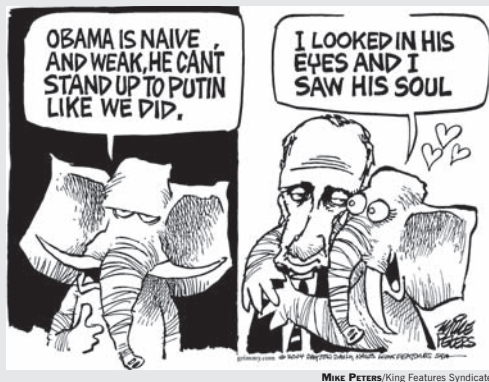
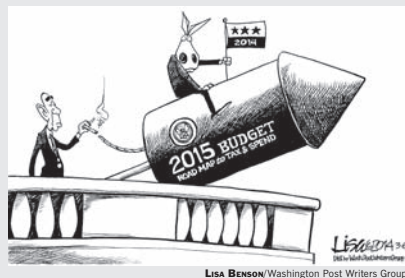
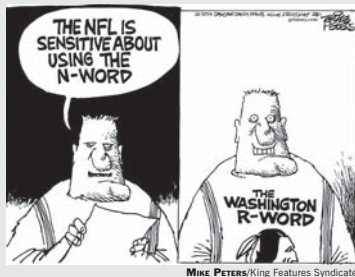
"While we are doing what we can," Muller says, "even the most conservative estimates of sea-level rise, including from the latest U.S. National Climate Assessment, suggest that RMI (the Republic of the Marshall Islands) will literally be wiped off the map some time before the end of the century, given the appalling lack of effort by big emitters to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions."

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## FACES

# Spider-Man and Batkid hang out after Oscars cut

A California boy who was treated for leukemia and became famous as Batkid got to spend time with another superhero after his planned appearance at the Academy Awards was cut.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences says Andrew Garfield, who plays Spider-Man on the big screen, spent time on March 3 with 5-year-old Miles Scott and his family at Disneyland. The two had been set to be on the Oscars the previous day, but the academy said segments sometimes have to be cut when producing a live show.

Miles battled the Riddler and Joker as Batkid last November in San Francisco. His wish was made possible by the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

From The Associated Press

**Andrew Garfield, who plays Spider-Man on the big screen, shared a day at Disneyland with Miles Scott, better known as Batkid.**

AP



## Actor returning to 'Grey's'

ABC says Isaiah Washington will return to "Grey's Anatomy" for a guest appearance in May, seven years after he was fired from the medical drama.

Washington exited the series in 2007 after an on-set clash the year before, in which an anti-gay epithet was directed at another cast member at the time, T.R. Knight.

Washington's return as Dr. Preston Burke coincides with the announced departure of series star Sandra Oh at the season's end in May. Her character, Dr. Cristina Yang, was engaged to Washington's Burke at one point in the long-running drama.

The date of Washington's episode was not announced.

During the controversy involving him, Washington also used the epithet backstage at the 2007 Golden Globe awards. He publicly apologized and tried to make amends by meeting with gay rights organizations.



Washington

## Singer checks out of rehab

Ke\$ha is out of rehab for an eating disorder.

The singer's representative confirmed March 7 that Ke\$ha had checked out of the facility. She entered treatment in January.

Ke\$ha posted on Twitter that she's "happy to be back!" She writes: "Feeling healthy & working on tons of new music."

The 26-year-old vegetarian pop star thanked fans "for all the love & support u have given me." She said she entered rehab to "learn to love myself again, exactly as I am."

Ke\$ha, whose real name is Kesha Rose Sebert, is the performer of such tunes as "Crazy Love," "Die Young" and "Timber" with Pitbull.



Ke\$ha

# Gordon-Levitt helped voice Japanese director's film

By RICK BENTLEY  
The Fresno Bee

Joseph Gordon-Levitt was excited and honored when he got the call to help redub the animated feature film "The Wind Rises" from legendary Japanese director Hayao Miyazaki.

Gordon-Levitt's no stranger to animation voice work, having done Disney's "Treasure Island" and the video game "G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra." In those cases he did his job before the animation started.

For "The Wind Rises," he saw working on the film as a chance to be part of the much-heralded work by Miyazaki and to face the challenge that comes with providing dialogue for a movie where all of the animation had been completed.

"It is a different challenge but I have been doing voice-over work for years with the short films I've been making for my website HitRecord. The approach I took with doing the voice was that my position wasn't to create a new work of art. I was just there to serve a masterpiece," Gordon-Levitt says.

The historical fantasy casts Gordon-Levitt as Jiro Horikoshi, a young Japanese boy in the early 20th century who dreams of flying with the birds and meeting Italian plane designer Giovanni Caproni (Stanley Tucci). Poor eyesight means Horikoshi can't become a pilot, but he becomes an aeronautical engineer who designs the fighter planes that the Japanese would use during World War II.

Gordon-Levitt spent five long days in the recording studio replacing the dialogue one scene at a time. It didn't matter that he doesn't speak Japanese, he was more interested in matching the tone and cadence of how the original actors deliv-



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**"There is so much visual detail in [Hayao Miyazaki] movies. You can stare at a single frame for a long time and keep discovering beautiful details."**

**Joseph Gordon-Levitt**  
left, who helped redub the animated feature "The Wind Rises," above

ered their lines.

The only problem with spending so much time looking at the film is that Gordon-Levitt — a big fan of the director's work — would get distracted.

"There is so much visual detail in his movies," Gordon-Levitt says. "You can stare at a single frame for a long time and keep discovering beautiful details."

That's another reason Gordon-Levitt was happy to be part of the redubbing

process.

He knows that if the film came with subtitles, the viewer's focus would be divided between the imagery and reading the dialogue. The actor likes that moviegoers can concentrate on the images while listening to the story unfold.

Along with working on the animated film, Gordon-Levitt has been busy with HitRecord, an online collaborative production company.

## Label giving songs for free

International DJ-producer Steve Angello is giving away his record label's entire catalog with the help of Google Play.

The former Swedish House Mafia member announced March 7 that his Size Records will roll out more than 170 songs for free to fans in the U.S. The campaign, dubbed "#DECADE," kicked off with 10 free songs March 7. The rest of the label's music will be made available in the coming weeks and will conclude during Miami Music Week at the end of the month.

"I don't think that music should always be for free, but I think if there's stuff that can be done the way we've done it now, I think labels should give it a try," he said in an interview last week.

Angello launched Size Records in 2003, and the new campaign is to thank fans for the decade-long support behind the independent label. The free songs, launched with Angello's creative agency Rebels Studios alongside Google, are from more than 80 artists.

## Other news

■ Veteran CBS News correspondent **Bill Whitaker**, who has been with the network for 30 years, will be joining the cast of "60 Minutes" this fall. He will be the first full-time black correspondent on "60 Minutes" since the death of Ed Bradley in 2006.

■ Psychopathic Records is **Insane Clown Posse's** promoter and confirms the group will host its yearly festival at the Legend Valley Concert Venue in Thornville, Ohio, July 23-26.

From The Associated Press

## SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

# To dream, perchance to recall

## New study delves into the secret of remembering nightly visions

By MEERI KIM

Special to The Washington Post

**H**ow often, and how well, do you remember your dreams? Some people seem to be superdreamers, able to recall effortlessly their dreams in vivid detail almost every day. Others struggle to remember even a vague fragment or two.

A new study has discovered that heightened blood flow activity within certain regions of the brain could help explain the great dreamer divide. In general, dream recall is thought to require some amount of wakefulness during the night for the vision to be encoded in longer-term memory. It is not known what causes some people to wake up more than others.

A team of French researchers looked at brain activation maps of sleeping subjects and homed in on areas that could be responsible for nighttime wakefulness.

When comparing two groups of dreamers on the opposite ends of the recall spectrum, the maps revealed that the temporoparietal junction — an area responsible for collecting and processing information from the external world — was more highly

activated in high-recallers. The researchers speculate that allows those people to sense environmental noises in the night and wake up momentarily — and in the process, store dream memories for later recall.

In support of this hypothesis, previous medical cases have found that when these portions of the brain are damaged by stroke, patients lose the ability to remember their dreams, even though they can still achieve the REM (rapid eye movement) stage of sleep in which dreaming usually occurs.

The sleeping brain cannot store new information into long-term memory — for instance, if presented with new vocabulary words to learn while asleep, you will wake up completely unaware of what you heard. But that leaves open the question of how one is able to recall vivid nightly visions in the morning.

“If the sleeping brain is not able to memorize something, perhaps the brain has to awaken to encode dreams in memory,” said study author and neuroscientist Perine Ruby, of Inserm, a French biomedical and public health research institution.

If awakened during a dream, the brain has the chance to transfer its faint flashes — via reiteration of the memory in one’s mind — into more long-term storage. This hypothesis has been dubbed the “arousal-retrieval model.”

“There’s a real question about the difference between dreaming, encoding memories of those dreams and being able to recall them,” said Harvard Medical

School’s Robert Stickgold, a sleep researcher who was not involved in the study. “For someone to remember their dreams, all three of those things have to happen.”

Dreams exist first in working memory, or the memory we use to hold and manipulate thought fragments. Stickgold gives the example of hearing a five-digit number and then reciting it backward. But like a fleeting dream, the series of numbers will erase in a flash if not put away into longer-term memory.

“Dreams are very fragile in short-term memory,” said Harvard Medical School psychologist Deirdre Barrett, who was also not involved in the study. She consults for a new mobile app, Shadow, that is aimed at improving users’ dream recall by waking them during REM sleep and having them dictate their dreams right away.

“People do seem to form many short-term memories of dreams which, most nights for most people, are lost,” she said.

In a previous experiment, Ruby and her colleagues tested the arousal-retrieval model by measuring the sleep and wake cycles of a group of high- and low-recall dreamers. Using electroencephalography, or EEG, they found that the high-recall group had twice as much awake time throughout the night as compared with the low-recallers.

Also, they found that the brains of high-recallers responded more strongly to auditory stimuli.

Upon seeing these distinctions between the two kinds of dreamers, Ruby wanted to suss out exactly which regions of the brain were behaving differently. Using positron emission tomography, or PET, blood flow maps, they compared 21 male superdreamers who consistently remember their dreams roughly five days a week with 20 low-recall males who could remember something only about two mornings per month.

They saw higher activation in the temporoparietal junction in high-recallers both during REM sleep and wakefulness, which could mean these people are more reactive to sounds or movements in the night and briefly awoken.

Another part of the brain that showed higher activation in high-recall individuals is the medial prefrontal cortex, which has been found to be involved in self-referential thinking.

The study was published online last month in *Neuropsychopharmacology*, a journal published by Nature Publishing Group.

Stickgold finds the study fascinating and convincing. As a 20-year veteran of dream research, he frequently has people asking him why they do not remember their dreams.

“Let me guess: You fall asleep quickly, never have trouble staying asleep and you wake up with an alarm clock,” he said he tells them. “You never get a chance to remember.”

“There’s a real question about the difference between dreaming, encoding memories of those dreams and being able to recall them. For someone to remember their dreams, all three of those things have to happen.”

Robert Stickgold  
Harvard Medical School



## NATION

# Is the end of smoking near?

## Experts have begun to contemplate a cigarette-free America

BY MIKE STOBBE  
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Health officials have begun to predict the end of cigarette smoking in America.

They have long wished for a cigarette-free America, but shied away from calling for smoking rates to fall to zero or near zero by any particular year. The power of tobacco companies and popularity of their products made such a goal seem like a pipe dream.

But a confluence of changes has recently prompted public health leaders to start throwing around phrases like “endgame” and “tobacco-free generation.” Now, they talk about the slowly-declining adult smoking rate dropping to 10 percent in the next decade and to 5 percent or lower by 2050.

Acting U.S. Surgeon General Boris Lushniak last month released a 980-page report on smoking that pushed for stepped-up tobacco-control measures. His news conference was an unusually animated showing of anti-smoking bravado, with Lushniak nearly yelling, repeatedly, “Enough is enough.”

“I can’t accept that we’re just allowing these numbers to trickle down,” he said, in a recent interview with The Associated Press. “We believe we have the public health tools to get us to the zero level.”

“I do think, in another few years, that pharmacies selling cigarettes will look as anachronistic” as old cigarette ads featuring physician endorsements look today, CDC Director Dr. Tom Frieden said.

Those developments have made many in public health dream bigger. It’s caused the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids and others to recently tout the goal of bringing the adult smoking rate down to 10 percent by 2024, from the current 18 percent. That would mean dropping it at twice the speed it declined over the last 10 years.

The bigger goal is to reduce U.S. smoking-related deaths to fewer than 10,000, from the current level of 440,000. But even if smoking rates dropped to zero immediately, it would take decades to see that benefit, since smoking-triggered cancers can take decades to develop.

While some experts and advocates are swinging for the fences, others are more pessimistic. They say the key to reaching such goals is not simply more taxes and more local smoking bans, but action by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to regulate smoking.

A 2009 federal law gave the FDA the authority to regulate tobacco products. The law barred FDA from outright blocking the sale of cigarettes, but the agency was free to take such pivotal steps as prohibiting the use of appealing menthol flavoring in cigarettes and requiring cigarette makers to ratchet down the amount of



Olympic gold medalist Tara Lipinski, right, stands with schoolchildren in a 1998 anti-tobacco rally on Capitol Hill in Washington. The rally was sponsored by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

addictive nicotine in each smoke.

Nearly five years after gaining power over cigarettes, FDA has yet to even propose such regulations. Agency officials say they’re working on it.

Many believe FDA’s delay is driven by defense preparations for an anticipated battery of legal and political challenges.

A spokesman for Altria Group Inc., the maker of Marlboro, said the company supports FDA exercising its regulatory authority over tobacco products. But as a whole, the industry has tended to fight regulation. Some of the nation’s largest tobacco companies — though not Altria — sued to stop FDA-proposed graphic warning labels on cigarette packs. A federal court blocked the ads.

“The industry makes money as long as they can delay regulation,” said Kenneth Warner, a University of Michigan public health professor who is a leading authority on smoking and health.

Warner and Michigan colleague David Mendez estimate that, barring any major new tobacco control victories, the adult smoking rate will drop from its current 18 percent only to about 12 percent by 2050. If health officials do make huge strides, the rate could drop as low as 6 percent, they think.

But Lushniak said zero. Will that ever happen?

Some experts doubt it. As long as cigarettes and other combustible tobacco products are legal, it’s likely some people will smoke them. Efforts to prohibit them are likely to fail, they say. (Remember Prohibition?)

“It’s hard to do a ban on cigarettes because you’re taking something away from people they have and are using. Once you have something, you hold tight,” said Richard Daynard, a Northeastern University law professor who focuses on tobacco issues.

Better, he said, to bar people from having a product in the first place. He is intrigued by legal efforts in Singapore and a handful of other countries to ban sales of tobacco to anyone born after a certain year — 2000, say. That would be constitutional, he said. The question is: Would our culture accept it?

Probably not, said Ruth Malone, editor-in-chief of the scientific journal Tobacco Control.

“In our culture, we tend to think we have a right to things even if they’re terrible for us,” she said.

A growing number of experts believe the most promising option is to get people to switch voluntarily to something else, like electronic cigarettes.

Electronic cigarettes are battery-powered devices that provide users with aerosol puffs that typically contain nicotine, and sometimes flavorings like fruit, mint or chocolate. They’ve often been described as a less dangerous alternative to regular cigarettes. But there are few studies exploring exactly what chemicals are in them and in what concentrations, and whether those levels are harmful.

They’re controversial: Some experts believe that at a time when cigarette smoking has finally become passe in popular culture, e-cigarettes may re-glamorize puffing away in public places. Cigarette sales could surge.

“It could go in either direction,” said John Seffrin, the American Cancer Society’s chief executive officer.

If the FDA can ratchet down nicotine in conventional cigarettes to levels below what’s in e-cigarettes, perhaps everyone who clings to smoking will switch to the higher-nicotine new products. That could achieve the end of smoking, at least of combustible, carcinogen-filled cigarettes — or so the thinking goes.



Above: David Ozanich, of Brooklyn, smoking in restaurants, bars and... Below right: The heads of the nation







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smokes outside the Live Bait bar in New York after a citywide ban on smoking in bars and restaurants went into effect in 2003. Laws banning workplaces have been implemented in places across the country. Below left: Jenny McCarthy uses a blu eCig in a television advertisement. America's largest cigarette companies are sworn in before a hearing of a House Energy subcommittee in 1994 on cigarette contents.



From left: Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt lights a cigarette for Eleanor Young during the opening of the Sert Room at the Waldorf Astoria in New York in 1937. An image provided by the New York Public Library shows an ad featuring a man dressed as a doctor holding a pack of Lucky Strike cigarettes. Eugene O'Neill, playwright and winner of the Nobel Prize, holds a book and a cigarette in his hospital bed in Oakland, Calif., during his 1937 interview after being stricken with appendicitis. A publicity photo for the 1935 film musical "Top Hat" features Fred Astaire with a cigarette in his mouth. A Marlboro ad features a baby. In 1964, Etiquette expert Cathy Bauby demonstrates how puffing a cigarette like a steam engine shows that one is behind the "Jet Age" and doesn't care about looks.

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## Times have changed

This is not the first time a federal health official has spoken so boldly. In 1984, Surgeon General C. Everett Koop called for a "smoke-free society" by the year 2000. However, Koop — a bold



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use," said Matthew Myers, president of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. "We couldn't say that in 1984."

Among the things that have changed:

- Cigarette taxes have increased around the country, making smokes more expensive. Though prices vary from state to state, on average a pack of cigarettes that would have sold for about \$1.75 20 years ago would cost more than triple that now.

- Laws banning smoking in restaurants, bars and workplaces have popped up all over the country. Airline flights have long been off-limits for smoking.

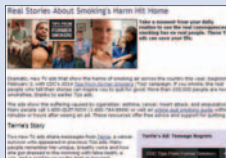
- Polls show that cigarette smoking is no longer considered normal behavior, and is now less popular among teens than marijuana.

- Federal officials are increasingly aggressive about anti-smoking advertising. The Food and Drug Administration launched a new youth tobacco prevention campaign earlier this month. At about the same time, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention debuted a third, \$60 million round of its successful anti-tobacco ad campaign — this one featuring poignant, deathbed images of a woman featured in earlier ads.

- Tobacco companies, once considered impervious to legal attack, have suffered some huge defeats in court. Perhaps the biggest was the 1998 settlement of a case brought by more than 40 states demanding compensation for the costs of treating smoking-related illnesses. Big Tobacco agreed to pay about \$200 billion and curtail marketing of cigarettes to youths.

- Retailing of cigarettes is changing, too. CVS Caremark, the nation's second-largest pharmacy chain, announced it will stop selling tobacco products at its more than 7,600 drugstores. The company said it made the decision in a bid to focus more on providing health care, but medical and public health leaders predicted pressure will increase on companies like Walgreen Co. and Wal-Mart Stores Inc. to follow suit.

— The Associated Press



See the new anti-smoking ads from the Centers for Disease Control  
[cdc.gov/features/SmokersTips2014](http://cdc.gov/features/SmokersTips2014)



## BUSINESS/WEATHER

**Stores:** Commissaries would exist based on cost recovery

## FROM FRONT PAGE

"In the end, patron usage of the commissaries will determine the savings and their comprehensive advantage," says the "overview" report from the Obama administration on its 2015 defense budget request.

Commissary shoppers now save an average of 30 percent compared with prices for a range of private-sector grocery stores, DeCA said. The hit to those savings would be felt "worldwide," documents say.

The draft implementing legislation has a telling description of commissaries run as businesses. Criteria for opening and closing stores, it says, would make cost recovery "the primary factor for their existence, as opposed to the needs of active duty members and their families or the welfare of the military community."

That statement captures what's ahead for a long-prized benefit if Congress adopts the plan in the budget, said an industry official. He described the plan as carelessly conceived and devastating to the "ecology" of base stores, both exchanges and commissaries.

There were no signals of stiff resistance from the Senate Armed Services Committee on Wednesday when Hagel and Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs, detailed the new budget with its sweeping changes affecting commissaries and the Tricare program.

Sen. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., called commissaries a "core benefit" that contributes "greatly to recruitment and retention, even though I am one of those who thinks [troops] may get just as good a deal at some other retail outlets around the country." Encouraging commissaries "to act more like a business ... makes sense. I agree with that," Chambliss said.

The senator questioned whether changes to the benefit should be delayed until the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission makes its report in February 2015. He and Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va., have introduced a bill to mandate such a delay.

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**An airman waits for her groceries at the main commissary in Naples, Italy. The Pentagon is seeking to dramatically cut subsidies to military commissaries.**

## EXCHANGE RATES

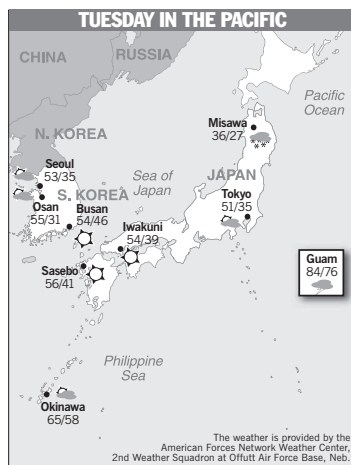
**Military rates of exchange**

Euro costs (March 10)	\$1,425.1
Dollar buys (March 10)	€0.7017
British pound buys (March 10)	£0.6726
Japanese yen (March 10)	¥100.00
South Korean won (March 10)	₩1,036.0
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3710
Bangladesh (Taka)	0.0073
Canada (Dollar)	1.1097
China (Yuan)	6.1219
Denmark (Krone)	5.3806
Egypt (Pound)	0.9627
Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$1,387.0/US dollar
Hungary (Forint)	725.02
Israel (Shekel)	1.4836
Japan (Yen)	¥103.30
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2820
Latvia (Lats)	0.3406
Philippines (Peso)	44.38
Poland (Zloty)	30.33
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	0.2463
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2886
South Korea (Won)	1,065.65
Switzerland (Franc)	0.7558
Thailand (Baht)	32.23
Taiwan (New Dollar)	2.264

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities. Interbank rates are foreign bank rates for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For example, the exchange rate for the Netherlands is based on the rate for purchasing British pounds in Germany.)

Commercial rates for military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying foreign currencies. Commercial rates are based on one dollar, except for the British pound, which is quoted in terms of pounds sterling and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



### Monday's US temperatures

Albany, Tex.	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Chattanooga	76	40	PCldy	Fort Wayne	53	31	PCldy	Louisville	63	38	Cir	Portacello	55	43	Rain	Six Clays	62	34	Cldy
Alexandria, Tex.	76	41	Cir	Cheyenne	66	39	Cldy	Fresno	71	54	Cldy	Lubbock	79	35	Cir	Portland, Maine	55	17	Cir	Six Clays	65	35	Cldy
Alhambra, Calif.	67	40	PCldy	Chicago	59	34	PCldy	Grand Rapids	63	39	PCldy	Madison	48	33	PCldy	Portland, Ore.	54	16	Cir	Six Clays	66	36	Cldy
Albany, N.Y.	41	20	Cldy	Cincinnati	59	34	PCldy	Grand Junction	63	32	PCldy	Madison	48	33	PCldy	Portland, Ore.	54	16	Cir	Six Clays	66	36	Cldy
Albuquerque, N.M.	67	36	Cir	Cleveland	48	29	Cldy	Grand Rapids	43	30	Cldy	Medford	58	45	Rain	Pueblo	75	33	Cir	Springfield, Ill.	64	36	Cir
Albany, N.Y.	41	20	Cldy	Colorado Springs	59	34	PCldy	Green Bay	50	30	PCldy	Memphis	36	21	Cldy	Providence	40	26	Cldy	Spokane	48	36	Cldy
Amarillo, Tex.	77	35	Cir	Columbia, S.C.	75	43	Cir	Green Bay	50	30	PCldy	Miami Beach	81	66	PCldy	Richmond	60	38	Cldy	Syracuse	39	21	Cldy
Anchorage	70	11	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	74	49	PCldy	Greensboro, N.C.	68	38	Cir	Midland-Olesea	72	34	Cir	Reno	57	41	Rain	Tallahassee	78	49	PCldy
Anchorage	70	11	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	74	49	PCldy	Harrisburg	67	39	PCldy	Midland-Olesea	72	34	Cir	Reno	57	41	Rain	Tallahassee	78	49	PCldy
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Austin	63	45	Cir	Dallas-Ft Worth	72	40	PCldy	Honolulu	81	68	PCldy	Mobile	74	51	Cldy	Rockford	48	34	PCldy	Tucson	79	45	Cir
Baltimore	58	28	Cldy	Dayton	56	33	PCldy	Houston	69	49	Cir	Montgomery	76	50	PCldy	Sacramento	68	54	Rain	Tulsa	74	39	Cir
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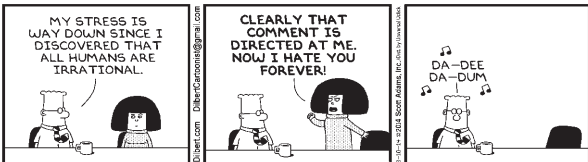
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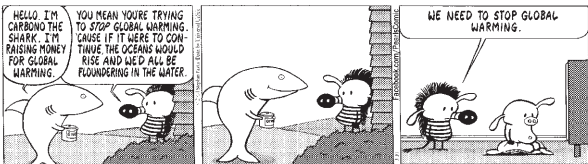
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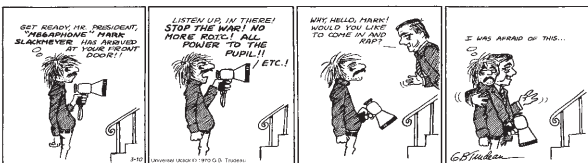
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- 1 Actress — Pinkett Smith
- 5 Not many
- 8 Stop
- 12 Supervisor
- 14 Author Wiesel
- 15 Poe's "The — Heart"
- 16 PBS science show
- 17 Dine
- 18 Binges
- 20 Main force
- 23 Remain
- 24 Unusual
- 25 Mideast metropolises
- 28 Director Lee
- 29 Diving club
- 30 Crow's cry
- 32 Satellite launched in 1962
- 34 Scoop holder
- 35 Deserve
- 36 Adjusted a piano
- 37 Easter (Sp.)
- 40 Turf
- 41 Settled down
- 42 Wire
- 43 Existed
- 48 DNA, for instance
- 49 — do-well
- 50 America's uncle
- 51 Wooden strip

### DOWN

- 1 Write in the margins
- 2 Rd.
- 3 Dover's st.
- 4 Francis or Dahl
- 5 Accomplishment
- 6 Moray, e.g.
- 7 One who's hard to pin down?
- 8 English king, 1413-22
- 9 Burn soother
- 10 Not pre-recorded
- 11 Afternoon parties
- 13 Immediately, in the ER
- 19 Carson predecessor
- 20 Lingerie item
- 21 Carry on
- 22 Incite
- 23 Car style
- 25 Tests the chemical strength
- 26 Monitor picture
- 27 Barn roof decoration
- 29 Jacob's brother
- 31 Marry
- 33 "Silence of the Lambs" role
- 34 Bat
- 36 Three- — sloth
- 37 Chess piece
- 38 Sheltered
- 39 Paddock papa
- 40 Slender
- 43 Gabor or Mendes
- 44 Genetic letters
- 45 Performance
- 46 Verbalized shrug

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# NFL/MLS

## Salary: Teams letting key players hit market

### FROM BACK PAGE

And, as former NFL executive Pat Kirwan, who was involved in the development of the free agency process more than two decades ago, points out, "Once some of these guys sign, there will be even more players out there who are available because teams have to cut guys to make room for the new ones they sign."

For now, teams looking for coverage guys might be enticed by Alterraun Verner, who had a breakout season with the Titans and picked off five passes. Or by Aqib Talib, a shutdown cornerback when healthy, but who comes with some off-field baggage.

Clubs such as Miami, with massive holes on the offensive line, could target the likes of tackles Eugene Monroe, Jared Veldheer, Brandon Albert or Michael Oher, guards Zane Beadles or Willie Colon, or center Brian de la Puente.

And don't forget the franchised or transition players who could be had, with heavy compensation. Is All-Pro tight end Jimmy Graham worth two first-round draft picks, plus however many dollar signs it takes to sign him away from New Orleans? Could Cleveland match any offers for Alex Mack, one of the best centers ever to reach free agency, albeit as a transition guy?

"Beauty is in the eye of the beholder," Colts general manager Ryan Grigson says. "I might like someone in a position group that Team B, C, D and E looked at two plays and didn't fit their scheme, or didn't fit them from a character standpoint — what have you — with the information their scouting departments are giving them at the end of the day."

Several teams have chosen to let key players test the waters, including the two Super Bowl participants.

NFL champion Seattle could lose such starters as TE, cornerback Brandon Browner, tackle Breno Giacomini and defensive end Michael Bennett, plus place-kicker Steven Hauschka. Pos-

sible departures from Denver are Decker, Beadles, cornerbacks Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie and Champ Bailey, DEs Robert Ayers and Shaun Phillips, running back Knowshon Moreno and linebacker Wesley Woodyard.

Both franchises have said they want to keep as much cohesion as they can, something Polian finds wise.

"If your own players are quality and can help you win, then it is better off to pay them, I have always believed," Polian says.

"It's better than what you can find in the market, and you know them better than you know a player from another team. It's a player you know and believe in and who has no adjustment

coming into your system. It is pretty seamless."

Tailenders tend to not have those kind of players, though. They also often have tons of money available, exactly the case with Oakland, Cleveland and Jacksonville, all 4-12 in 2013. The Raiders have about \$65 million on hand, the Jaguars have more than \$59 million, and the Browns around \$56 million.

Such deep pockets guarantee absolutely nothing, of course.

"Whether you have a little money or a lot, the dangers are the same, it's just a question of degree," Polian says. "You don't know the player as well as the player coming out in the draft, and certainly not as well as your player."

"That said, there are some holes you have to fill on your club."

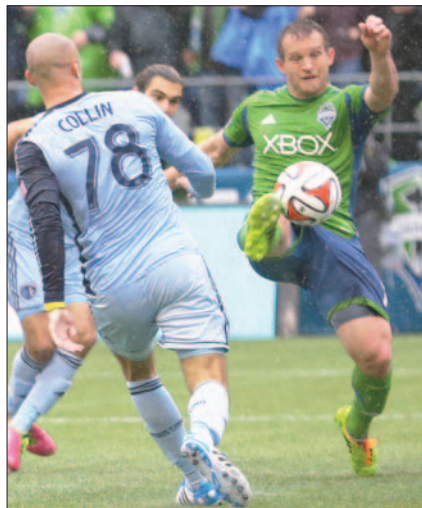
Let the bidding binges begin.

**Bill Polian**  
Former NFL executive



JEFF ROBERSON/AP

Seahawks defensive end Michael Bennett figures to be one of the most in-demand players when NFL free agency begins Tuesday.



TED S. WARREN/AP

Seattle Sounders forward Chad Barrett, right, kicks a goal at short range against Sporting Kansas City during stoppage time Saturday.

## MLS scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Houston	1	0	0	3	4	0
Columbus	1	0	0	3	3	0
Philadelphia	0	1	0	0	1	1
Chicago	0	0	0	0	0	0
Toronto FC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montreal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sporting KC	1	0	0	3	1	1
New York	1	0	0	3	2	4
D.C.	0	1	0	0	0	3
New England	0	1	0	0	0	4

### Western Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	1	0	0	3	4	2
FC Dallas	1	0	0	3	3	0
Real Salt Lake	1	0	0	3	1	0
Seattle	0	0	0	0	1	0
Portland	0	0	1	1	1	1
Chivas USA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colorado	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Jose	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	0	0	0	0	1	1

Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

### Saturday's games

Seattle FC 1, Sporting Kansas City 0
Columbus 3, D.C. United 0
Vancouver 4, New York 1
FC Dallas 3, Montreal 2
Houston 4, New England 0
Real Salt Lake 1, Los Angeles 0
Portland 1, Philadelphia 1, tie

### Sunday's game

Chicago at Chivas USA
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### Saturday

#### Union 1, Timbers 1

Philadelphia	0	1-1
Portland	0	1-1
<b>Second half</b> —1, Philadelphia, McInerney 1 (Edu, Maidana), 64th minute. 2 Portland, Fernandez 1, 90th+.		
<b>Goalies</b> —Philadelphia, Zac MacMath; Portland, Donovan Ricketts.		
<b>Yellow Cards</b> —Alves, Philadelphia, 15th; McInerney, Philadelphia, 59th; Gaddis, Philadelphia, 75th; Chava, Portland, 88th.		
<b>A</b> —20,674 (20,000)		

#### Crew 3, United 0

Columbus	2	1-3
D.C. United	0	0-3
<b>First half</b> —1, Columbus, Arrieta (1 Williams, Jimenez), 18th minute, 2, Columbus, Higuiain (1 penalty kick), 27th.		
<b>Second half</b> —3, Columbus, Higuiain (1 Meram), 90th.		
<b>Goalies</b> —Columbus, Steve Clark; D.C. United, Bill Hamid.		
<b>Yellow Cards</b> —Tchani, Columbus, 39th; Trapp, Columbus, 43rd; Higuiain, Columbus, 63rd; Neal, D.C. United, 67th; Francis, Columbus, 76th.		

#### Real Salt Lake 1, Galaxy 0

Real Salt Lake	0	1-1
Los Angeles	0	0-0

### Second half—1, Real Salt Lake, Plata 1

(Beckerman), 80th minute.  
Goalies—Real Salt Lake, Nick Rimando; Los Angeles, Jaime Penedo.  
Yellow Cards—Morales, Real Salt Lake, 35th; Riley, L.A., 45th; Muholland, Real Salt Lake, 78th; Saboro, Real Salt Lake, 87th; Rimando, Real Salt Lake, 90th+.

### Dynamo 4, Revolution 0

New England	0	0-0
Houston	3	1-4
<b>First half</b> —1, Houston, Bruin 1 (Sar-kodie), 2nd minute, 2, Houston, Bruin 2 (Asho), 13th, 3, Houston, Garcia 1 (Bruin), 3rd.		
<b>Second half</b> —4, Houston, Cummings (Clark), 90th+.		
<b>Goalies</b> —New England, Bobby Shuttleworth; Houston, Tally Hall.		
<b>Yellow Cards</b> —Barnes, New England, 4th; Bruin, Houston, 64th; Soares, New England, 77th.		

### FC Dallas 3, Impact 2

## FC Dallas 3, Impact 2

Montreal	1	1-2
FC Dallas	2	1-3

**First half**—1, Montreal, Nyassi 1 (Mapp), 10th minute. 2, FC Dallas, Castillo 1 (Perez, Watson), 16th. 3, FC Dallas, Perry 1 (penalty kick), 24th.

**Second half**—4, FC Dallas, Diaz 1, 47th. 5, Montreal, Wenger 1 (Martins), 65th.

**Goalies**—Montreal, Troy Perkins; FC Dallas, Chris Seitz.

**Yellow Cards**—Ferrari, Montreal, 17th; Hernandez, FC Dallas, 19th; Diaz, FC Dallas, 50th; Nyassi, Montreal, 60th.

A—18,011 (21,193)

### Whitecaps 4, Red Bulls 1

<b>Whitcaps 4, Red Bulls 1</b>	
New York	0 1-1
Vancouver	1 3-4
<b>First half</b> —1, Vancouver, Miller 1 (penalty kick), 34th minute.	
<b>Second half</b> —2, Vancouver, Fernandez 1 (Mattocks), 49th, 3, Vancouver, Miller 2 (Morales), 77th, 4, Vancouver, Morales 1 (Reo-Coker), 89th, 5, New York, Wright-Phillips 1 (Sam), 90th+.	
<b>Goalies</b> —New York, Luis Robles; Vancouver, David Ousted.	
<b>Yellow Cards</b> —Beltashour, Vancouver 7th; Armando, New York, 31st; Harvey, Vancouver, 36th; Teibert, Vancouver, 62nd; Sam, New York, 87th.	
A: 21,000 (0).	

### Sounders 1, Sporting KC 0

**Sounders 1, Sporting KC 0**

Sporting KC	0	0-0
Seattle FC	0	1-1

**Second half—1, Seattle FC, Barrett 10th+ minute.**

**Goalies—**Sporting Kansas City, Eric Kronberg; Seattle FC, Stefan Frei.

**Yellow Cards—**Collins, Sporting Kansas City, 16th; Cooper, Seattle FC, 34th; Alonso, Seattle FC, 45th; Feilhaber, Sporting Kansas City, 46th; Sapong, Sporting Kansas City, 83rd.

## MLS roundup

## Seattle tops KC in opener

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Once the scrum subsided, a visitor made his way over to Chad Barrett in the Seattle locker room after an introduction that could not have been more dramatic for the home side. "That," Sounders majority owner Joe Roth joked, "is why we brought you here."

Barrett scored off a wild scramble in the penalty area in the final moments of second half-stoppage time to give Seattle a 1-0 victory over defending champion Sporting Kansas City on Saturday in the Major League Soccer opener.

Seattle shocked Kansas City with a goal in stoppage time for the fifth time in the past eight matches. Barrett scored in his Sounders debut after Clint Dempsey's header knocked off the crossbar and goalkeeper Eric Kronberg was caught out of his net.

"When I scored I couldn't even hear myself scream," Barrett said. "I'm pretty sure I was screaming or I was going through puberty. One of the two."

The goal was a stunning conclusion after it appeared Kansas City would be happy to open its title defense getting out of Seattle with a draw.

It was the first match played with replacement officials after Major League Soccer's referees and other on-field officials were locked out Friday. There appeared to be no egregious issues with referee Alan Kelly, other than the large number of fouls called. Kansas City was called for 25 fouls and Seattle 15.

### Real Salt Lake 1, Galaxy 0

Jose Plata scored in the 80th minute, Nick Rimando stopped Robbie Keane's penalty kick in stoppage time and visitin Real Salt Lake opened with a victory in Jeff Cassara's head coaching debut for the Utah club.

**Dynamo 4, Revolution 0:** Will Bruin scored twice and added an assist to help host Houston rout New England.

**Whitecaps 4, Red Bulls 1:** Kenny Miller scored twice and Vancouver won its season opener before a sellout crowd of 21,000 at B.C. Place Stadium.

Vancouver gave Carl Robinson a victory in his first game as the team's head coach.

**FC Dallas 3, Impact 2:** Mauro Diaz scored on a free kick and set up a penalty and FC Dallas opened the season with a coach over visiting Montreal in victory (Oscar Parviz debut).

**Crew 3, United 0:** Federico Higuiain scored twice to help visiting Columbus open the season with a victory in Gregg Berhalter's first game as the Crew's coach.

**Union 1, Timber 1:** Offseason acquisition Gaston Fernandez scored on a header in stoppage time to give host Portland a tie.





## NBA



Utah Jazz guard Gordon Hayward, bottom, goes up to shoot as Philadelphia 76ers' Thaddeus Young defends during the second half Saturday in Philadelphia. Hayward scored 22 points as Utah won 104-92.

## Roundup

## Jazz snap losing streak

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The Utah Jazz finally found a way to win on their six-game road trip: Play a team that can't win anywhere.

Gordon Hayward scored 22 points, Alec Burks added 19 and the Jazz beat Philadelphia 104-92 on Saturday night, sending the reeling 76ers to their 16th consecutive loss.

"It's a win, man," Jazz coach Tyrone Corbin said. "The young guys got a chance to finish a game that was close."

Derrick Favors contributed 15 points and 14 rebounds, Enes Kanter had 13 points and 10 boards, and Diante Garrett scored 11 points for the Jazz (22-41), who snapped a five-game losing streak and completed a six-game road trip at 1-5.

We just came out ready to fight," Kanter said. "That's real Jazz basketball. We have to play like that every game."

Tony Wroten scored a career-high 30 points for the Sixers (15-47), who hadn't dropped 16 in a row since a franchise-worst 20 straight losses during the 1972-73 season, when they finished 9-73. The Sixers also lost their franchise-worst 13th straight home game.

"I'm going to give that group the benefit of the doubt," Sixers coach Brett Brown said. "We're going to see this thing through."

Thaddeus Young added 18 points and James Anderson had 16 for the Sixers, whose last victory came Jan. 29 at Boston.

The Jazz built an 84-73 lead following a 7-0 run early in the fourth quarter. But the Sixers wouldn't wilt and rallied to tie the

game at 91 on a layup by Wroten with 2:52 remaining.

Burks responded with a three-pointer to put Utah back ahead 16 seconds later.

"It just happened," Burks said of his three-pointer. "It was a wide-open shot that happened to go in."

Wroten misfired on a layup on Philadelphia's next possession — just his second miss — and Hayward put the game away with a pair of free throws and a three-point play in the final minute.

**Knicks 107, Cavaliers 97:** Carmelo Anthony shook off a horrid shooting start and scored 26 points, leading visiting New York to its third straight victory.

Amare Stoudemire added 17 points and 12 rebounds for the Knicks, whose winning streak began after a seven-game slide and amid reports Phil Jackson may accept a job in New York's front office.

Anthony missed his first six shots, but found his touch in time to help the Knicks in their late-season run at the playoffs. J.R. Smith scored 17 and Tyson Chandler added 15 points and 11 boards for New York.

Kyrie Irving had 30 points, eight assists and eight rebounds for the Cavs, who retired center Zydrunas Ilgauskas' No. 11 jersey at halftime.

**Grizzlies 111, Bobcats 89:** Mike Conley scored 20 points, Zach Randolph added 16 and host Memphis turned up the offense in the second half to beat Charlotte.

Marc Gasol added 14 points and nine rebounds, while Kosta Koufos had 11 of his 12 points in the fourth quarter and grabbed

10 boards.

**Spurs 121, Magic 112:** Tony Parker scored 30 points, Manu Ginobili added 18 and host San Antonio overcame a lethargic performance to beat Orlando.

Kawhi Leonard added 17 points, Tiago Splitter scored 14, Danny Green 12 and Tim Duncan had 11 points and 10 rebounds as the Spurs (46-16) extended their winning streak to six games.

**Wizards 114, Bucks 107:** Bradley Beal scored 12 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter, helping Washington avoid blowing a 28-point lead and beat Milwaukee.

Washington opened a 71-43 lead in the second quarter, but the Bucks cut the deficit to 104-101 on a pair of free throws by Ersan Ilyasova with 2:13 to go.

Beal then scored on a driving layup and hit a baseline three-pointer to give the Wizards a 109-101 lead with 2:01 left. Washington won for the eighth time in nine games.

**Clippers 109, Hawks 108:** Blake Griffin had 27 points and eight rebounds, Chris Paul added 19 points, including a go-ahead layup in the final minute, and host Los Angeles earned its season-high seventh straight victory.

The Pacific Division-leading Clippers got 13 points and 12 rebounds from DeAndre Jordan, and 17 points from Matt Barnes on the eve of his 34th birthday.

Los Angeles shot 53.2 percent from the field, improving to 22-1 when shooting 50 percent or better.

## Scoreboard

## Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division			
	W	L	Pct
Toronto	34	26	.567
Brooklyn	30	30	.500
New York	24	40	.375
Boston	21	41	.339
Philadelphia	15	47	.242

Southeast Division				
Miami	43	16	.729	-
Washington	33	29	.532	1
Charlotte	29	34	.460	1
Atlanta	26	35	.426	1
Orlando	19	45	.297	2

Central Division				
x-Indiana	46	16	.742	-
Chicago	34	28	.548	1
Detroit	24	38	.387	2
Cleveland	24	40	.375	2
Milwaukee	12	50	.194	3

## Western Conference

Southwest Division			
	W	L	Pct
San Antonio	46	16	.742
Houston	43	19	.694
Dallas	37	26	.587
Memphis	36	26	.581
New Orleans	25	37	.403

New Orleans	25	37	.403	2
<b>Northwest Division</b>				
Oklahoma City	46	16	.742	-
Portland	42	20	.677	4
Minnesota	31	30	.508	14 1/2
Denver	27	34	.443	18 1/2
Utah	22	41	.349	24 1/2

	22	41	.349	2
<b>Pacific Division</b>				
L.A. Clippers	44	20	.688	-
Golden State	39	24	.619	
Phoenix	36	25	.590	
Sacramento	22	40	.355	2
L.A. Lakers	21	42	.333	

x-cinched playoff spot

Friday's games			
Memphis 85, Chicago 77			
Toronto 99, Sacramento 87			
Charlotte 101, Cleveland 92			
Boston 91, Brooklyn 84			
New York 108, Utah 81			
Minnesota 114, Detroit 101			
New Orleans 112, Milwaukee 104			
Dallas 103, Portland 98			
Denver 134, L.A. Lakers 126			
Golden State 112, Indiana 86			

Saturday's games			
Philadelphia 92, Atlanta 97			
New York 107, Cleveland 97			
Memphis 111, Charlotte 89			
San Antonio 121, Orlando 112			
Washington 114, Milwaukee 107			
L.A. Clippers 105, Atlanta 108			
Orlando at Milwaukee			
Miami at Chicago			
Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers			
Denver at New Orleans			
Sacramento at Brooklyn			
Phoenix at Portland			
Toronto at Minnesota			
Portland at Houston			
Indiana at Dallas			
Phoenix at Golden State			

Monday's games			
Denver at Charlotte			
Toronto at Brooklyn			
Washington at Miami			
Philadelphia at New York			
Phoenix at Philadelphia			
Atlanta at Utah			
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers			

## Saturday

Jazz 104, 76ers 92			
UTAH — Jefferson 3-7 0-6, M. Williams 3-7 2-2, Favors 6-9 3-4 1-2, Burks 6-14 0-19, Evans 0-2 0-0, Kanter 6-14 1-2 1-3, Garret 4-7 0-11, Totals 37-20-19-10-10-4.			
PHILADELPHIA — Thompson 1-2 2-4, Young 1-10 2-10, Smith 1-13 2-12, Carter-Williams 2-13 0-4, Anderson 5-11 4-16, Varnado 1-2 0-2, Wroten 12-15 6-8, Wroten 12-15 6-8, Murphy 2-5 0-0, Mulsens 1-2 0-0, Maynor 1-2 0-3, Moutrie 1-1 0-2. Totals 36-76 15-20-32.			

Three-Point Goals			
Utah 10-23			
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Philadelphia 11-25			

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Philadelphia 34-22			

Assists			
Utah 22-15			
Philadelphia 11-25			
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Fouls			
Utah 10-23			
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Philadelphia 11-25			

Technical Fouls			
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Philadelphia 11-25			
Utah 10-23			
Philadelphia 11-25			

Knicks 107, Cavaliers 97			
NEW YORK — Anthony 10-23 2-2 2-26, Stoudemire 7-16 3-4 1-7, Chandler 5-9 5-7 2-2, Favors 6-9 3-4 1-2, Smith 1-13 2-12, Wroten 12-15 6-8, Murphy 2-5 0-0, Mulsens 1-2 0-0, Maynor 1-2 0-3, Moutrie 1-1 0-2. Totals 36-76 15-20-32.			

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Wizards 114, Bucks 107			
WASHINGTON — Ariza 9-12 5-9 2-8, Booker 1-2 2-4 4-4, Gasol 5-6 14-11, Neal 4-14 0-0 0-0, Beal 5-8 2-13 2-23, Webster 5-7 2-0 1-5, Harrison 2-7 0-0 0-0, Gooden 6-8 0-0 0-0, Miller 3-5 0-0 0-0, Temple 0-0 0-0 0-0, Porter Jr. 0-0 0-0 0-0, Singleton 0-0 0-0 0-0. Totals 43-80 18-22 12-14.			

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Grizzlies 111, Bobcats 89			
CHARLOTTE — Kidd-Gilchrist 3-9 0-6, Meeks 1-2 2-4 4-4, Gasol 5-6 14-11, Neal 4-14 0-0 0-0, Beal 5-8 2-13 2-23, Webster 5-7 2-0 1-5, Harrison 2-7 0-0 0-0, Gooden 6-8 0-0 0-0, Miller 3-5 0-0 0-0, Temple 0-0 0-0 0-0, Porter Jr. 0-0 0-0 0-0, Singleton 0-0 0-0 0-0. Totals 43-80 18-22 12-14.			

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Grizzlies 11-25			

# AUTO RACING/GOLF

## NASCAR Nationwide Series

# Keselowski holds off Busch in Vegas

By GREG BEACHAM  
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Brad Keselowski once blew a tire while leading the final lap of this same race, so he knew he couldn't get excited about a victory in Vegas until he crossed the line.

He finally got there Saturday after overcoming electrical problems, traffic and Kyle Busch for a satisfying victory.

Keselowski held off Busch in the final laps to win the Nationwide race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway for the first time.

Keselowski earned his 28th career Nationwide win on his 20th track, doing it in his eighth try in Vegas — where he infamously blew a tire on the final lap in 2011, handing a win to Mark Martin.

The 2012 Sprint Cup champion finally cracked this track despite a remarkable series of setbacks and challenges that left Keselowski more relieved than excited.

"We found every way we could to make it hard," Keselowski said. "This Ford was flying today. These races aren't getting any easier to win. I drove as hard as I could, every lap."

Keselowski has been in contention in the Nationwide race in Las Vegas several times over his previous seven starts, but managed just two top-10 finishes after repeated trouble. He found enormous trouble in this one, but still led 144 of the 200 laps.

He had led 106 of the first 139 laps before a sluggish green-flag pit stop allowed Busch to move in front. Keselowski also lost three spots early after sliding through his pit box, and he later lost power

because of a faulty alternator, forcing him to turn off equipment.

"It was systematic alternator failure," crew chief Jeremy Bullins said. "At that point, you go into safe mode, shut off everything you can, and hope the battery makes it to the end. We were losing power at the end, but we had enough to make it."

Keselowski then navigated through a thicket of traffic on the final laps in an exciting finish.

"I knew it was just a matter of time before [Busch] caught me," Keselowski said. "I was just trying to get through as much traffic as possible."

Busch came up from a 37th-place start to finish second on his hometown track, but couldn't catch Keselowski. Busch, who got sent to the back for making adjustments after qualifying, was decidedly unimpressed with his car's engine, which is from Joe Gibbs Racing, not Toyota.

"Our car was super-fast on the long run," Busch said. "Best motor won today, that's for sure. Probably the best car. He was really good. That's all we had."

Kyle Larson was third despite early damage to his car, and Dale Earnhardt Jr. finished fourth in front of 18-year-old rookie Chase Elliott, who posted his first top-five finish.

The race's most eye-catching move was made by Matt Kenseth, who was racing three wide with Busch and Keselowski when he spun on the final turn on the 159th lap, turning sideways into the straightaway. Kenseth managed to save it without crashing, while Elliott also avoided running into Kenseth's perpendicular car.



ISAAC BREKKE/AP

Brad Keselowski celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Nationwide Series race at Las Vegas.



WILFREDO LEE/AP

Tiger Woods looks at his shot on the 17th green during the third round of the Cadillac Championship on Saturday in Doral, Fla. Woods was three shots behind leader Patrick Reed going into the final round.

## Golf roundup

# Reed builds 2-shot lead at Doral

Woods shoots 66 to remain in contention for Cadillac Championship

The Associated Press

DORAL, Fla. — In only his second year on the PGA Tour, Patrick Reed already is used to playing in a red shirt on Sunday — and winning.

But not against a field of stars at a World Golf Championship.

And not looking at a familiar figure in a red shirt playing in the group ahead of him.

Reed turned his game around in four holes Saturday at the Cadillac Championship and wound up with a 3-under 69 in much tamer conditions at Doral. It gave him a two-shot lead going into a final round that will prominently feature defending champion Tiger Woods for the first time this year.

Woods, who only a day earlier looked to be on the verge of shooting himself out of the tournament, delivered the low round of the week and his best round of a short season. He made eight birdies for a 66 and was only three shots behind.

"That's fine. I've seen Tiger a lot on the driving range. Never had the opportunity to play with him and I still haven't been able to play with him," Reed said. "Whenever he's close to the lead, he's a guy you have to watch out for. But at the same time, I have to go and just play my own game."

He did that beautifully on a sunny afternoon with not nearly



WILFREDO LEE/AP

Third-round leader Patrick Reed hits the ball for par on the second hole of the Cadillac Championship.

as much wind on the new Blue Monster.

Reed rolled in a 40-foot eagle putt on No. 8, and started the back nine with consecutive birdies.

He drove the green on the par-4 16th for a two-putt birdie that gave him the outright lead and finished with a two-shot lead over PGA champion Jason Dufner (68) and Hunter Mahan, who bogeyed his last hole for a 71.

Reed was at 4 under 212, the highest 54-hole score to lead at Doral since a three-way tie at 212 in 1985.

The 23-year-old Texan will be going for his third win in his last 14 tournaments, dating to the Wyndham Championship in August. He was tied for the 54-hole lead that week and won in a play-off. Reed also went wire-to-wire to win the Humana Challenge in January.

He will be in the final group with Dufner, the most recent major champion. Right ahead will be Woods and Mahan.

It's right where Reed wants to be.

"If you have a 54-hole lead, that means you're playing the best golf of the group through three rounds," he said. "Tomorrow is Sunday, but at the same time, it's another round of golf. ... We've won twice since August. We've played great. And if I continue doing what I'm supposed to be doing, come Sunday afternoon, hopefully we're holding the trophy."

**Puerto Rico Open:** Chesson Hadley took the third-round lead in the Puerto Rico Open, shooting a 5-under 67 in windy conditions at Trump International in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico.

Making his 13th PGA Tour start, the 26-year-old Hadley had four birdies in an early five-hole stretch and also birdied the par-4 14th in wind gusting to 25 mph. He had a 16-under 200 total.

Danny Lee was a stroke back after a 66.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS/COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Briefly

# Alvarez stops Angulo with TKO

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Frustrated in his big fight against Floyd Mayweather Jr., Canelo Alvarez found a much easier target in Alfredo Angulo.

Alvarez battered a game but outclassed Angulo on Saturday night before stopping him with an uppercot that prompted referee Tony Weeks to move in at 47 seconds of the 10th round of their junior middleweight fight.

Alvarez (43-1-1) never was able to put down Angulo (22-4), but hit him throughout the fight with hard combinations that almost always found their mark. By the middle rounds, the only suspense left was whether Angulo could go the distance.

The fight was in marked contrast to the last bout for Alvarez, who was dominated by Mayweather in the richest bout ever. But while Mayweather was the master of defense, Angulo was there to be hit all night long — and Alvarez did just that.

"Tonight, I was the best fighter and definitely rebounded from the Mayweather fight with my performance," Alvarez said.

Angulo, who was never close to going down, protested when Weeks moved in to stop the fight after a big left uppercot to the head. Before the 10th round began, Angulo's corner had pleaded with the ring doctor to give their fighter one more round to try and turn things around.

"I'm upset because they should have let the fight go on," Angulo said. "I'm fine and I was fighting."

Alvarez won all but one of the first nine rounds on two ringside scorecards, and two on the third. The Associated Press had him winning eight of the first nine rounds.

## Shields re-signs with Packers for \$39M

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Sam Shields has agreed to re-sign with

the Packers, keeping one of the top free-agent cornerbacks this offseason off the market.

Shields' agent, Drew Rosenhaus, confirmed the four-year, \$39 million deal with a \$12.5 million signing bonus. Shields on his Twitter account Saturday posted that "he was happy to be back with my family."

Shields had 61 tackles with four interceptions and 16 passes defensed last season.

## Mayo suspended game for punch to throat

MILWAUKEE — Milwaukee Bucks guard O.J. Mayo was suspended one game by the NBA on Saturday for punching New Orleans Pelicans center Greg Stiemsma in the throat.

The incident occurred with 1:52 remaining in the first quarter of Milwaukee's 112-104 loss to the Pelicans on Friday. Mayo got tied up with Stiemsma as he tried to get around a screen.

It was the second consecutive game the Bucks, who have the worst record in the NBA, had a player miss a game for punching an opponent. Forward Ersan Ilyasova missed Friday's 112-104 loss at New Orleans for punching Sacramento's Reggie Evans in the stomach on Wednesday night.

## IUPUI fires coach after 6-27 season

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis has fired men's basketball coach Todd Howard.

The school issued a statement Sunday morning. Howard went 26-70 in three seasons.

Howard had been with the team for 19 seasons overall, 16 as assistant coach and associate head coach. The program had its first NCAA tournament appearance in 2003. It finished this season 6-27 with a loss to Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne on Saturday in the Summit League tournament.



ERIC JAMISON/AP

Saul Alvarez, left, trades punches with Alfredo Angulo Saturday during their super welterweight bout in Las Vegas. Alvarez won by TKO when the fight was stopped by referee Tony Weeks.



ANDREW FERGUSON/AP

West Virginia's Devin Williams, Brandon Watkins, and Kevin Noreen celebrate after defeating No. 8 Kansas 92-86 on Saturday in Morgantown, W.Va.

## Men's Top 25 roundup

# Wiggins' 41 not enough as West Virginia upsets Kansas

The Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Eron Harris scored 28 points, Juwan Staten added 24 and West Virginia withstood 41 points by Kansas freshman Andrew Wiggins to earn a 92-86 win over the No. 8 Jayhawks.

The Mountaineers (17-14, 9-9 Big 12) led by as many as 25 points early in the second half before watching Kansas tear into the deficit behind Wiggins, who fouled out in the final seconds after setting a season high in scoring.

Devin Williams, WVU's star freshman, had a season-high 22 points along with 13 rebounds. It marked the first time this season that Kansas had allowed three opposing players to score 20 points.

**No. 2 Wichita 67, Missouri State 42:** At St. Louis, Cleahtony Early scored 20 points with three three-pointers and a pair of dunks, and the Shockers improved to 33-0 in the Missouri Valley Conference semifinals.

Tekele Cotton also made three three-pointers for the top-seeded Shockers (33-0), who matched the start by Larry Bird and Indiana State in 1979 before they lost to Michigan State and Magic Johnson in the NCAA title game.

**No. 6 Villanova 77, Georgetown 59:** At Philadelphia, Darun Hilliard scored 19 points to lead the Wildcats to a dominating victory, preserving Villanova's hopes of a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament.

JayVaughn Pinkston added 13 points, and James Bell and Ryan Arcidiacono had 11 apiece for the Wildcats (28-3, 16-2), who won their sixth straight game while tying the 2005-06 team for second-most wins in program history. Villanova's 16 Big East wins are the most in school history.

**No. 10 San Diego State 51,**

**No. 21 New Mexico 44:** At San Diego, the Aztecs rallied from a 16-point second-half deficit and Xavier Thames and Matt Shrigley each made two free throws in the final 9 seconds to seal the victory over the Lobos for the outright Mountain West Conference title.

Thames finished with 23 points for SDSU (27-3, 16-2), which clinched the No. 1 seed in the conference tournament in Las Vegas. Josh Davis, SDSU's other senior, had nine rebounds.

**No. 11 Louisville 81, No. 19 Connecticut 48:** At Louisville, Ky., Montrezl Harrell scored 20 points, Russ Smith recorded a career-high 13 assists and the No. 11 Cardinals claimed a share of the American Athletic Conference championship.

Harrell added 11 rebounds and several thunderous dunks to help the Cardinals (26-5, 15-3) finish tied with No. 15 Cincinnati atop the upstart league. A coin flip gave Cincinnati the top seed in the AAC tournament and Louisville the second seed.

**No. 12 Michigan 84, Indiana 80:** Glenn Robinson scored 20 points, including a tie-breaking three-pointer with 1:10 to play, and Jordan Morgan had a double-double in his final home game to help the Wolverines finish off their Big Ten championship season with a victory over the Hoosiers.

Morgan had 15 points and 10 rebounds for Michigan (23-7 15-3).

**No. 13 Creighton 88, Providence 73:** At Omaha, Neb., Doug McDermott scored a career-high 45 points and became the eighth player in Division I history to go over 3,000 for a career in helping the Bluejays roll past the Friars.

McDermott passed the milestone with a three-pointer midway through the second half. At the next timeout Doug and his coach, father, Greg McDermott, shared

a long embrace on the court as the team huddled at the bench.

**No. 15 Cincinnati 70, Rutgers 66:** Sean Kilpatrick scored 24 points and the visiting Bearcats clinched at least a share of the American Athletic Conference regular-season title.

Kilpatrick converted a three-point play and drove the lane for a layup in the final 68 seconds as the Bearcats (26-5, 15-3) rallied from a late deficit against the Scarlet Knights (11-20, 5-13).

**No. 16 Iowa State 85, Oklahoma State 81 (OT):** At Ames, Iowa, Naz Long forced overtime with a 30-foot three-pointer at the buzzer. DeAndre Kane scored five of his 27 points in the closing seconds, and Iowa State overcame a 16-point deficit.

Georges Niang had 22 points for Iowa State (23-7, 11-7 Big 12), which snapped a two-game losing streak and fell behind by as much as 45-29 before rallying.

**No. 20 Memphis 67, No. 18 SMU 58:** Joe Jackson scored 15 of his 18 points in the second half to lead the host Tigers.

Nic Moore led the Mustangs (23-8, 12-6) with 16 points. It was the first time this season that SMU had lost consecutive games.

**No. 23 Oklahoma 97, TCU 67:** At Fort Worth, Texas, Buddy Hield scored 24 points and Oklahoma clinched the No. 2 seed in the Big 12 tournament.

TCU became the league's first team in 10 years to go through the regular season without winning a conference game.

**Illinois 66, No. 24 Iowa 63:** Jon Key hit a three-pointer in the final second to lift the visiting Illini over the Hawkeyes.

Rayvonne Rice scored 15 points to lead the Illini (18-13, 6-12 Big Ten), who notched consecutive road wins against ranked opponents for the first time since 2005.



## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Women's conference tournaments

## America East Conference

**At Albany, N.Y.**  
**First Round**  
**Friday, March 7**  
 Stony Brook 61, UConn 49  
 New Hampshire 85, Vermont 79  
 UMass Lowell 77, Springfield 101  
 Hartford 63, Maine 62, OT

**Seminals**  
**Sunday, March 9**  
 Stony Brook vs. New Hampshire  
 Albany (N.Y.) vs. Hartford

## American Athletic Conference

**At Uncasville, Conn.**  
**First Round**  
**Friday, March 7**  
 Cincinnati 54, UCF 52  
 Houston 73, Memphis 67

**Quarterfinals**  
**Saturday, March 8**  
 Rutgers 68, SMU 45  
 UConn 42, Cincinnati 42  
 Louisville 88, Houston 43  
 Florida 72, Temple 44

**Seminals**  
**Sunday, March 9**  
 Rutgers vs. UConn  
 Louisville vs. South Florida

**Championship**  
**Monday, March 10**  
 Semifinal winners

**Atlantic Coast Conference**  
**At Greensboro, N.C.**  
**First Round**  
**Wednesday, March 5**  
 Clemson 69, Virginia Tech 56  
 Virginia Tech 72, Pittsburgh 58  
 Boston College 56, Wake Forest 47

**Seminals**  
**Sunday, March 9**  
 Syracuse 63, Clemson 53  
 North Carolina 72, Miami 67, OT  
 Georgia Tech 77, Virginia 76  
 North Carolina 69, Wake Forest 65

**Quarterfinals**  
**Friday, March 7**  
 N.C. State 79, Syracuse 63  
 Notre Dame 83, Florida State 57  
 Wake Forest 72, Virginia Tech 51  
 North Carolina 73, Maryland 70

**Seminals**  
**Saturday, March 8**  
 Notre Dame 83, N.C. State 68  
 Duke 66, North Carolina 61

**Championship**  
**Sunday, March 9**  
 Notre Dame vs. Duke

**Atlantic Sun Conference**  
**First Round**  
**Tuesday, March 11**  
 Lipscomb at Florida Gulf Coast  
 State at Stetson  
 ETSU at South Carolina-Upstate  
 Mercer at Jacksonville

**At Richmond, Va.**  
**First Round**  
**Wednesday, March 5**  
 George Mason 85, UMBC 66  
**Second Round**  
**Thursday, March 6**  
 VCU 61, Richmond 52

**Seminals**  
**Friday, March 7**  
 Saint Joseph's 89, George Mason 55  
 La Salle 66, Saint Louis 50  
**Quarterfinals**  
**Friday, March 7**  
 Dayton 62, VCU 61  
 G. Washington 82, Saint Joseph's 79, OT  
 St. Bonaventure 54, La Salle 42  
 Fordham 46, Duquesne 41

**Seminals**  
**Saturday, March 8**  
 Dayton 89, George Washington 68  
 Fordham 73, St. Bonaventure 48

**Championship**  
**Sunday, March 9**  
 Dayton vs. Fordham

**Big East Conference**  
**First Round**  
**Saturday, March 8**  
 Seton Hall 65, Providence 40  
 Georgetown 56, Xavier 37

**At Rosemead, Ill.**  
**Sunday, March 9**  
 St. John's vs. Seton Hall  
 Butler vs. Butler  
 DePaul vs. Georgetown  
 Villanova vs. Marquette

**St. John's** vs. Seton Hall  
**DePaul** vs. Georgetown  
**Creighton** vs. Butler  
**Butler** vs. Villanova  
**Marquette** vs. Villanova

**Big South Conference**  
**At Conway, S.C.**  
**First Round**  
**Tuesday, March 4**  
 Presbyterian 54, Lenoir 40  
 Coastal Carolina 106, Charleston Southern 77

**Quarterfinals**  
**Thursday, March 6**  
 High Point 79, UNC Asheville 69  
 Campbell 63, Gardner-Webb 46  
 Western Carolina 62, Presbyterian 42  
 Winthrop 77, Coastal Carolina 58

**Seminals**  
**Saturday, March 8**  
 High Point 73, Campbell 69  
 Winthrop 65, Liberty 59

**Championship**  
**Sunday, March 9**  
 High Point vs. Winthrop

**Big Ten Conference**  
**At Indianapolis**  
**First Round**  
**Thursday, March 6**  
 Iowa State 86, Northwestern 77  
 Iowa 81, Illinois 62  
 Minnesota 74, Wisconsin 68, OT

**Quarterfinals**  
**Friday, March 7**  
 Ohio State 89, Penn State 82  
 Wisconsin 77, Purdue 58  
 Michigan State 61, Michigan 58  
 Nebraska 80, Minnesota 67

**Seminals**  
**Saturday, March 8**  
 Iowa State vs. Michigan State  
 Nebraska vs. Wisconsin

**Championship**  
**Sunday, March 9**  
 Michigan State vs. Wisconsin

**Mid-American Conference**  
**First Round**  
**Thursday, March 6**  
 Northern Illinois 81, Eastern Michigan 61  
 Kent State at Ball State  
 Miami (Ohio) at Western Michigan  
 Ohio at Toledo

**At Cleveland**  
**Second Round**  
**Wednesday, March 12**  
 Northern Illinois vs. Eastern Michigan  
 Kent State vs. Ball State  
 Miami (Ohio) vs. Western Michigan  
 Ohio vs. Toledo

**Mid-American Conference**  
**At Norfolk, Va.**  
**First Round**  
**Monday, March 10**  
 Florida A&M vs. Delaware State  
 Savannah State vs. Morgan State  
 Norfolk State vs. Maryland-Eastern Shore

**At Norfolk, Va.**  
**Second Round**  
**Tuesday, March 11**  
 Howard vs. North Carolina Central  
 Southern vs. Coppin State

**Mountain West Conference**  
**At Las Vegas**  
**First Round**  
**Monday, March 10**  
 Utah State vs. New Mexico  
 UNLV vs. San Jose State  
 Nevada vs. Air Force

**Quarterfinals**  
**Tuesday, March 11**  
 Colorado State vs. Utah State-Hewlett  
 Boise State vs. Wyoming  
 Fresno State vs. UNLV-San Jose State  
 Nevada vs. San Diego State-Air Force

**At Las Vegas**  
**Second Round**  
**Wednesday, March 12**  
 Eastern Kentucky 73, Eastern Illinois 52  
 Jacksonville State 51, SIU Edwardsville 51

**Championship**  
**Thursday, March 6**  
 E. Kentucky 79, Tennessee State 75  
 Jacksonville State 57, Tenn. Tech 56

**Seminals**  
**Friday, March 7**  
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## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Colonels dethrone Bruins

Eastern Kentucky wins Ohio Valley, edging defending champ Belmont

By TERESA M. WALKER  
The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Corey Walden celebrated by draping a net around his neck and hanging a piece of string over each ear. Senior guard Glenn Cooley had a quick quip for Jeff Neubauer as the Eastern Kentucky coach walked in to talk with reporters.

"Welcome to the winner's circle, coach," Cooley said.

Well, Neubauer has been here before, and now he has Eastern Kentucky back here again.

Walden scored 22 of his career-high 29 points in the second half to help Eastern Kentucky upset top-seeded Belmont 79-73 Saturday night for the Ohio Valley conference tournament championship and an NCAA tournament berth.

The Colonels (24-9) won their seventh straight game — and third in as many nights — in clinching their first OVC tournament title since 2007 and their eighth trip to the NCAA's overall. Neubauer was in his second season with that 2007 team and appreciates this visit even more with six seniors.

"There are 12 teams in the OVC that work for this opportunity," Neubauer said. "To be the one team to go to the NCAA tournament to end up on top at the end, it's an amazing feeling, especially when you've spent so much time with these young men."

Cooley added 23 points for Eastern Kentucky. Tarius Johnson had 18 before fouling out.

Belmont (24-9) failed to add its second consecutive tournament title to its regular-season championship and will miss the NCAA tournament for the third time in the past nine years and first since 2010. Coach Rick Byrd said that stinks, though he knows it's a great feeling for the Colonels.

"When you get a taste of it and been fortunate to get as many trips as we've had, there's nothing like it," Byrd said. "J.J. [Mann] and Blake [Jenkins] would've had the most incredible record of all time to win all regular-season titles and all-tournament championships in a career, and seven out of eight's not bad."

Mann, the OVC player of the year, led Belmont with 18 points. Evan Bradds and Drew Windler each added 14, and Reece Chamberlain had 11.

Eastern Kentucky never trailed, and Belmont tied it up only twice, the last time at 54. The Colonels scored the next eight points and finished the game hitting nine of 10 at the free throw line in the final 1:16.

Belmont had cruised through a season in which it won at North Carolina in November and went 14-2 in league play. The Bruins came into the final having won seven straight and 12 of their last 13.

But Eastern Kentucky jumped on the Bruins from the start in the Colonels' third game in as many



Mark HUMPHREY/AP

Eastern Kentucky's Ryan Parsons, left, and Corey Walden celebrate after they defeated Belmont 79-73 in the championship game of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament on Saturday in Nashville, Tenn.

nights, scoring 17 of the first 19 points. The Colonels hit six of seven shots with five beyond the arc, and Marcus Lewis became the fourth player to knock down a three to put Eastern Kentucky up 17-2 with 14:08 left.

"That's the start we needed so Belmont was trying to chase us," Neubauer said.

They wound up hitting 11 of 22 three-pointers and shot 51.1 percent overall while holding Belmont to 46 percent.

"It just comes down to toughness," Walden said. "We knew we would have to play one more game. We didn't let it affect us. We just wanted to come out and play hard basketball."

Belmont didn't score until Craig Bradshaw threw down a

dunk with 16:20 to go, and Mann didn't score until a three-pointer with 12:59 remaining. Eastern Kentucky led 36-28 at halftime.

Walden scored the first 10 points of the second half as the Bruins worked to make a game of it. Belmont reeled off seven straight points keyed by a pair of steals by Mann, finishing off the second with a layup to pull the Bruins within 41-35.

"They finally tied it up at 52 with a 7-1 spurt capped by two free throws by Chamberlain."

"We knew they would make a run," Walden said. "We just had to control their run."

Then Cooley put Eastern Kentucky ahead to stay with a three-point shot from the top of the key with 5:28 to go.

## Men's conference tournaments

## AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE

At Albany, N.Y.

First Round

Saturday, March 8

Vermont 77, New Hampshire 60

Albany (N.Y.) 86, Maryland-Baltimore County 56

Stony Brook 80, Maine 54

Hartford 69, Binghamton 42

Sunday, March 9

Stony Brook vs. Hartford

Championship

At Higher-Remaining Seed

Saturday, March 15

Semifinal winners

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

At Memphis, Tenn.

First Round

Wednesday, March 12

Rutgers vs. South Florida

Temple vs. Central Florida

Quarterfinals

Thursday, March 13

SMU vs. Houston

Louisville vs. Rutgers 5, Florida winner

Cincinnati vs. Temple-UCF winner

UConn vs. Memphis

ATLANTIC SUN CONFERENCE

Semifinals

Thursday, March 6

Florida Gulf Coast 69, ETSU 64

Mercer 78, S. Carolina-Update 75, 2OT

Championship

Sunday, March 9

Mercer at Florida Gulf Coast

BIG EAST CONFERENCE

At New York

Wednesday, March 12

Georgetown vs. DePaul

Seton Hall vs. Butler

Quarterfinals

Thursday, March 13

Villanova vs. Seton Hall-Butler winner

Providence vs. St. John's

Cincinnati vs. Georgetown-DePaul winner

Xavier vs. Marquette

BIG SOUTH CONFERENCE

At Conway, S.C.

Quarterfinals

Friday, March 7

Winthrop 62, High Point 60

UNC Asheville 96, Radford 87

Coastal Carolina 73, Charleston Southern 68, 2OT

Virginia Military 90, Gardner-Webb 77

Semifinals

Saturday, March 8

Winthrop 80, UNC Asheville 79

Coastal Carolina 66, VA Military 62

Championship

Sunday, March 9

Winthrop vs. Coastal Carolina

BIG 12 CONFERENCE

At Kansas City, Mo.

First Round

Wednesday, March 12

Oklahoma State vs. Texas Tech

Baylor vs. Texas Christian

Quarterfinals

Thursday, March 13

Iowa State vs. Kansas State

Kansas vs. Okla. St.-Texas Tech winner

Oklahoma vs. Baylor-TCU winner

Texas vs. West Virginia

COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

At Baltimore

First Round

Friday, March 7

Hofstra 78, UNC Wilmington 70

Quarterfinals

Saturday, March 8

Delaware 87, Hofstra 76

Northeastern 90, Drexel 81

Towson 80, James Madison 71

William &amp; Mary 70, Coll. of Charleston 59

Semifinals

Sunday, March 9

Delaware vs. Northeastern

Towson vs. William &amp; Mary

Championship

Monday, March 10

Semifinal winners

CONFERENCE USA

At El Paso, Texas

First Round

Tuesday, March 11

North Texas vs. Rice

Florida Atlantic vs. Marshall

East Carolina vs. Texas South

Alabama-Birmingham vs. Charlotte

HORIZON LEAGUE

At Green Bay, Wis.

Second Round

Friday, March 7

Wright State 73, Oakland 57

Milwaukee 64, Valparaiso 57

Semifinals

Saturday, March 8

Wright State 88, Cleveland State 63

Milwaukee 63, Green Bay 56, OT

Championship

At Higher-Seed

Tuesday, March 11

Wright State vs. Milwaukee

WEST ATLANTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

At Memphis, Tenn.

First Round

Friday, March 7

Rider 71, Monmouth (N.J.) 60

Saint Peter's 65, Fairfield 62, OT

Marist 66, NJIT 60

Quarterfinals

Saturday, March 8

Iona 94, Rider 71

Marist 66, Siena 65

Manhattan 72, Saint Peter's 58

Quinnipiac 69, Marist 60

Semifinals

Sunday, March 9

Iona vs. Canisius

Manhattan vs. Quinnipiac

Championship

Monday, March 10

Semifinal winners

## MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

At Norfolk, Va.

First Round

Monday, March 10

Norfolk St. vs. Maryland Eastern Shore

Savannah State vs. S. Carolina State

Tuesday, March 11

Howard vs. North Carolina A&amp;T

Coppin State vs. Bethune-Cookman

Florida A&amp;M vs. Delaware State

Mid-American Conference

First Round

Monday, March 10

Ball State at Ohio

Kent State at Miami (Ohio)

Central Michigan at Central Michigan

Bowling Green at Northern Illinois

MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE

At St. Louis

Quarterfinals

Friday, March 7

Wichita State 80, Evansville 58

Missouri State 53, Illinois State 48

Indiana State 75, Loyola of Chicago 62

Southern Illinois 63, North Iowa 58

Semifinals

Saturday, March 8

Wichita State 67, Missouri State 42

Indiana State 62, Southern Illinois 59

Championship

Sunday, March 9

Wichita State vs. Indiana State

NORTHEAST CONFERENCE

First Round

Wednesday, March 5

Robert Morris 60, Fairfield Dickinson 53

Wagner 83, CCSU 59

St. Francis (Pa.) 35, Bryant 54

Mount St. Mary's 72, St. Francis (N.Y.) 71

Semifinals

Saturday, March 8

Mount St. Mary's 77, Wagner 72

Robert Morris 60, St. Francis (Pa.) 57

Championship

Tuesday, March 11

Mount St. Mary's at Robert Morris

OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE

At Nashville, Tenn.

Semifinals

Friday, March 7

Belmont 86, Morehead State 63

Eastern Kentucky 86, Murray State 83

Championship

Saturday, March 8

Eastern Kentucky 79, Belmont 73

PATRIOT LEAGUE

First Round

Quarterfinals

Wednesday, March 5

Boston University 91, Lafayette 54

Boston University 91, Holy Cross 46

Holy Cross 54, Lehigh 48

American 59, Colgate 50

Semifinals

Saturday, March 8

Boston University 91, Army 70

American 57, Holy Cross 46

Championship

Wednesday, March 13

Boston University vs. American

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

At Atlanta

First Round

Wednesday, March 12

Auburn vs. South Carolina

Vanderbilt vs. Vanderbilt-Miss. St. winner

Second Round

Thursday, March 13

Missouri vs. Texas A&amp;M

Arkansas vs. Auburn-S. Carolina winner

Louisiana State vs. Alabama

Mississippi vs. Vanderbilt-Miss. St. winner

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

At Asheville, N.C.

First Round

Friday, March 7

Samford 70, Appalachian State 56

Georgia Southern 65, Furman 50

The Citadel 86, UNC Greensboro 76

Quarterfinals

Saturday, March 8

Davidson 77, Samford 54

Western Carolina 66, Elon 64

Georgia Southern 62, Chattanooga 55

Wofford 68, The Citadel 51

Semifinals

Sunday, March 9

Davidson vs. Western Carolina

Georgia Southern vs. Furman

Championship

Monday, March 10

Semifinal winners

SUMMIT LEAGUE

At Sioux Falls, S.D.

First Round

Sunday, March 9

IPFW 85, IPJUI 47

Denver vs. North Dakota

South Dakota State vs. W. Illinois

Semifinals

Monday, March 10

North Dakota vs. South Dakota

Dakota winner

IPFW vs. S. Dakota State-W. Illinois winner

Championship

Tuesday, March 11

Semifinal winners

WEST COAST CONFERENCE

At Las Vegas

First Round

Thursday, March 6

Loyola Marymount 64, Santa Clara 81

Pacific 64

Quarterfinals

Saturday, March 8

San Francisco 69, San Diego 60

BYU 85, Loyola Marymount 74

Gonzaga 77, Santa Clara 75

Saint Mary's 60, Portland 69

Semifinals

Monday, March 10

San Francisco vs. BYU

Gonzaga vs. Saint Mary's

Championship

Tuesday, March 11

Semifinal winners

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL



Chris Pietsch/AP

Arizona's Aaron Gordon, center, can't find a shot under pressure from Oregon's Mike Moser, left, and Ben Carter in the second half on Saturday.

## Oregon upsets Arizona

By ANNE M. PETERSON  
The Associated Press

EUGENE, Ore. — The Oregon Ducks opened the regular season with a 13-game winning streak. They closed it with seven straight victories.

The Ducks may have stumbled in the middle, but reserve guard Jason Calliste says the Ducks still belong in the national conversation — especially after a 64-57 victory over No. 3 Arizona in the regular-season finale Saturday.

"We can be one of the best teams in the country," he said. "Doesn't matter who we're playing. Doesn't matter what the name on the chest says."

Calliste made the go-ahead jumper and free throw with 4:22 left and finished with 18 points for the Ducks, who trailed by as many as 12 points.

"I just didn't want to lose," he said. "Wasn't time to go home yet."

Johnathan Loyd added 16 points for the Ducks (22-8, 10-8 Pac-10) who greatly improved their chances of a bid in the NCAA tournament. Last season Oregon won the Pac-12 tournament and advanced all the way to the final 16.

Aaron Gordon had 21 points for the Wildcats (28-3, 15-3), who had already clinched the Pac-12 regular-season title.

The Ducks considered the game a must-win after a six-game winning streak made them a possible bubble team for the NCAA postseason and gave them their fourth straight season with at least 20 wins.

The Wildcats led by as many as 12 points in the first half, but Oregon closed to 31-29 at halftime. Mike Moser's three-pointer got the Ducks to 36-34 early in the second half with a three-pointer.

Calliste and Loyd hit back-to-back threes to stretch the lead to 59-51 and the 12,364 fans at Knight Arena were on their feet. The Ducks held on for the win and the crowd rushed the court.

# Gators wrap up historic 18-0 run

## Top-ranked Florida runs the table in SEC play with rout over Kentucky

By MARK LONG  
The Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — With strands of net behind their ears, Florida seniors Casey Prather, Scottie Wilbekin, Will Yegute and Patric Young stopped at mid-court and kissed the floor.

They stood up, started walking toward the locker room and then paused at the edge of the court. With their arms draped around each other, they took the last stride in unison. It was the first step toward the next goal — winning it all.

Young scored 18 points in his home finale and No. 1 Florida routed 25th-ranked Kentucky 84-65 on Saturday, becoming the first team in Southeastern Conference history to go 18-0 in league play.

"This is the way to go out," Young said. "You couldn't have scripted this one any better. ... What else could you want?"

Prather (15) and Wilbekin (13) also reached double figures for the Gators (29-2, 18-0), who have won 23 straight and 32 in a row at home.

Coach Billy Donovan called timeout with 36.9 seconds remaining to get his four seniors another standing ovation. They certainly deserved this one, especially since it was Florida's largest margin of victory in series history.

"When you invest four years like these guys have invested, it means something to them," Donovan said. "They're going to carry this with them for the rest of their lives. They're going to have their children and they're going to come back here and they're going to be remembered for what they've done."

"They've done something that's

not happened here before."

Prather, Wilbekin, Young and Yegute have now won 113 games in four seasons, four shy of tying the school record held by Walter Hodge. They have the SEC tournament and the NCAA tournament to break the mark.

The latest victory seemed a lock early but was in doubt for a while in the second half. That was until — no surprise — the seniors took over. Wilbekin hit a three-pointer, Young made a running hook shot and Prather started making plays at the rim.

"Those guys answered the bell," Donovan said. "They made some plays."

Julius Randle, who had his right knee treated during the first half, led the Wildcats (23-9, 12-6) with 16 points and 10 rebounds. James Young added 14 points, and Aaron Harrison chipped in 10.

Kentucky trimmed a 22-point deficit to 53-47 with 12 minutes to play, but couldn't get any closer and ended up getting blown out. "They're that good," Kentucky coach John Calipari said. "And if you don't come and play, you're going to get smashed."

With Florida's ranking, the finale for four popular seniors, history at stake and the opponent, it was the biggest home game in school history. Single tickets to the nationally televised matchup were going for as much as \$500 on the street, and there even was a successful marriage proposal on the court beforehand.

The Gators delivered for their fans.

Florida made 14 of its first 21 shots and recorded assists on its first 11 baskets.

Young, who scored 14 points in the first half, did most of the damage inside. Michael Frazier II, a



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Florida's Patric Young holds up a piece of the net after the Gators became the first team to go 18-0 in Southeastern Conference league play, beating Kentucky 84-65 on Saturday in Gainesville, Fla.

sophomore who made a school-record 11 three-pointers Tuesday at South Carolina, got hot again from outside.

Frazier's consecutive threes pushed the lead to 19 and had the O'Dome rocking.

The Gators were up 22 after Dorian Finney-Smith's third three-pointer of the half and led 49-28 at the break.

But Calipari got his team focused and the Wildcats opened the second half by pounding the ball inside and getting Randle more involved. Kentucky used a 15-0 run to quiet the arena and give the Wildcats confidence they could pull off the upset.

Wilbekin responded with a

huge three. Prather followed with several driving layups, none bigger than the one that turned into a three-point play and pushed the lead back to 17.

"We took the fight to them a little bit," Calipari said. "We made a game of it. All of a sudden we take the worst shots we've taken all season. Like, you've got to be kidding me. But that's what freshmen do."

Florida coasted from there and shortly after the final horn, Young announced to the crowd that they would cut down the nets. The Gators opted not to do that after clinching the SEC regular-season title last week, but wanted to do it Saturday.

## Parker, Duke halt N. Carolina's streak

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DURHAM, N.C. — If this was Jabari Parker's last home game at Duke, what a farewell it was.

The freshman phenom scored a season-high 30 points and added 11 rebounds in the fourth-ranked Blue Devils' 93-81 win over No. 14 North Carolina on Saturday night.

In leading Duke in both scoring and rebounding all season, he hasn't looked like a first-year player very often.

And he doesn't want to be called one, either.

"No more freshman," he said. "I don't like getting in that category anymore because my team needs me more than just an 18-year-old. They need somebody with experience throughout the whole game. ... It's time to grow up."

Rodney Hood added 24 points to help Duke (24-7, 13-5) end the Tar Heels' 16-game winning streak and clinch the No. 3 seed in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.

Duke never trailed, shot 51 percent — 57 percent in the second half — and dominated the ACC's best team on the glass, outrebounding North Carolina 34-20.

"I think at the end of the day, it just came down to

our want-to against their want-to, and it just wasn't there — the sense of urgency," North Carolina big man James McAdoo said.

Marcus Paige — who led UNC's second-half comeback two weeks ago — finished this one with 24 points, while Bryce Johnson had 15 and McAdoo added 13 for the Tar Heels (23-13, 13-5).

They shot nearly 60 percent but couldn't overcome their disadvantage on the glass and are locked into the No. 4 seed in the league tournament.

Leslie McDonald added 12 points for North Carolina, which was denied its fourth win over a top-five team, but briefly made things tense when Paige converted a four-point play to make it 81-73 with 2:50 left.

But the Tar Heels' point guard missed threes on the next two possessions — with Parker blocking the second of those with 2½ minutes left.

Quinn Cook hit two free throws, Amile Jefferson added another and Parker hit two foul shots with 2:03 left to push the lead to 86-73.

And in what might have been his finale at Cameron Indoor Stadium, Parker put on quite a show. He hit 10 of his 17 shots and showed off all the skills that have him as a likely high NBA draft pick — should he decide to forgo his final three seasons of college eligibility and turn pro.



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Duke's Rasheed Sulaimon pulls down a rebound against North Carolina's Desmond Hubert during the first half of Saturday's game in Durham, N.C. No. 4 Duke beat instate rival No. 14 North Carolina 93-81.



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## Run for the money

With salary cap set at \$133 million, teams ready to spend

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**L**et the bidding binges begin. Armed with another \$10 million or so to spend thanks to the increased salary cap, NFL teams dive into free agency on Tuesday. By the end of the week, most of the top prizes will be signed, to the tune of enough money to fund a small government.

The process will continue for months, with many of the real bargains not moving to new teams or rejoining their previous clubs until well after the early auctioning.

"Free agency in and of itself is an overpayment situation," says former NFL executive Bill Polian, who built three Super Bowl teams and now is an analyst for ESPN and SiriusXM. "That's why the union fought so hard to get it.

"These are essentially 'B' players whose agents are looking for 'A' money. Some situations teams are forced to deal with, and you have to bite the bullet and do it."

While Polian makes the point that the really elite players don't ever become

available in free agency, the 2014 class is filled with former All-Pro and Pro Bowlers, from pass rushers Jared Allen, Justin Tuck and Antonio Smith to running backs Maurice Jones-Drew and Willis McGahee.

The crop is spiced by a deep class of wide receivers, from those just emerging as standouts (Julian Edelman, Golden Tate, Eric Decker, Emmanuel Sanders) to those more established (Hakeem Nicks, James Jones, Santana Moss). Hardly a surprise, it is not filled with potential starting quarterbacks; the top names are Josh McCown, Matt Cassel and Michael Vick. **SEE SALARY ON PAGE 24**

NFL free agency begins Tuesday, with each team having another \$10 million or so to spend thanks to the increased salary cap. Such standouts as receivers Julian Edelman (pictured) and Eric Decker, defensive end Michael Bennett and cornerback Alterraun Verner figure to draw quick attention.

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